**Michigan Wheat Committee Board Meeting**

**Okemos Conference Center, Dobie Room**

**2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present-Voting Board Members**

Dwight Bartle, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 5

Tony Bohac, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 6

Jim Doyle, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 9-Miller Representative

Jason Dunning, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 1

Brad Kamprath, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 3

Jeff Krohn, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 7

Lyn Uphaus, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 4

Carl Wagner III, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 2

**Present-Non Voting Michigan Wheat Program Affiliates**

Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (arrived at 4:00)

Eric Olson, Michigan State University Wheat Breeder

Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University Wheat Specialist

Jody Pollok-Newsom, Michigan Wheat Committee staff

**Absent**

Dave Milligan, Michigan Wheat Committee ex-officio

Brent Wagner, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 8

**Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Jeff Krohn, Chairman, called the August 26, 2025, meeting of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) board to order at 2:30 p.m. Secretary Lyn Uphaus noted for the record that a quorum of the Michigan Wheat Committee members were present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jeff Krohn asked if there were changes to the agenda and there were none.

**MOTION #1: Brad Kamprath moved to approve the meeting agenda for August 26, 2025. Supported by Jason Dunning. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Review/Approve June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The June 20, 2024, meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for board review.

**MOTION #2: Lyn Uphaus moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024, meeting as posted. Supported by Tony Bohac. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Director Reports**

Board members reported on the crops in their district. Yields and quality were good except for a few pocket areas. The biggest challenge for growers is price. There is hope the price will increase prior to fall to encourage more wheat planting.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Tony Bohac reviewed the May 2025 financials. Jody Pollok-Newsom walked the board through the new report formats and highlighted June activity.

**MOTION #3: Tony Bohac moved to accept the May and June 2025, financials as presented. Supported by Carl Wagner III. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Review 2025-26 Fiscal Year**

Jody Pollok-Newsom provided an overview of the budgeted assessment income for this year. Now that harvest is complete, there are better numbers available for comparison to what was budgeted. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the 2025-26 adopted budget unchanged.

**Falor/Jean Research Project**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared the update she received from Jenna Falor and Monica Jean regarding their phosphorous research project. Due to challenges in getting the protocol activated, they are discontinuing this project.

**MOTION #4: Jim Doyle moved to rescind the $1,530.00 Falor/Jean research project *Verifying and Promoting Profitable Potash Management Recommendations for Michigan Corn, Soybean and Wheat Producers*. Supported by Brad Kamprath. Motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Summer Field Day Wrap Up 2025**

Dennis Pennington shared the evaluation results for the 2025 event. Jody Pollok-Newsom asked the board for feedback on the event being held in conjunction with Weed Day. It was decided to continue rotating the event between the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center and campus. When it’s on campus, it should be in conjunction with weed day.

**Great Lakes Crop Summit**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared that she and Dennis Pennington are always looking for speaker ideas for the event. Ideas for sessions include a panel of participants from the UK YEN trip, Phil Needham and also agronomists and researchers in a panel format.

Jody asked board members to please register quickly after she sends them the information this fall as rooms will fill up fast. For this event, each board member makes their own reservations and registration. They are then reimbursed via voucher after the event for expenses-room & registration, mileage and per diem.

**Updated Michigan Wheat Program Annual Schedule of Meetings**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared an updated meeting schedule.

**MOTION #5: Dwight Bartle moved to accept the updated Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2025, as presented. Supported by Jason Dunning. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**February 17, 2026 Annual Meeting**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared an update and possible agenda for the meeting. Board consensus was to pursue the speakers discussed.

**Master Farmer Award**

Jody Pollok-Newsom reported that it is time again if we want to make a nomination for the award. We have supported past award winners Frank Vyskocil, Bill Hunt, Dave Milligan and Jerry Heck. The board will discuss this again.

**Holiday**

**Cards**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared the list used to send out cards and asked the board to review. She will also look at research photos and cards for the best option.

**Luncheon**

Jody Pollok-Newsom sent the invitation list around for review for the holiday luncheon.

**MI AG CORE Leadership Program**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared an overview of the program and encouraged board members, their staff or family members to attend.

**Policy Review**

Each year at the first meeting after board appointments are made, policies are reviewed. There were no policies needing an update.

**MOTION #6: Brad Kamprath moved to keep current policies the same. Supported by Dwight Bartle. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Officer Elections**

At its first meeting after board appointments, the board holds officer elections.

**MOTION #7: Dwight Bartle moved to keep the following slate of officers for 2025-26. Jeffery Krohn, chairman; Brad Kamprath, vice chairman; Tony Bohac, treasurer; Lyn Uphaus, secretary; and Dave Milligan, ex-officio. Supported by Jim Doyle. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**Variety Release Update**

Jody Pollok-Newsom provided an update.

**National Association of Wheat Growers**

Jeff Krohn reported on his NAWG information of which there has been a lot lately regarding the search for a new CEO. Lyn Uphaus reported, too. It was mentioned that there is a Strategic Planning Meeting Dec 8 & 9 in Minneapolis, MN.

**NAWG Fall Meeting**

Jeff Krohn shared that the Fall meeting for NAWG will be in Austin in November. Unfortunately with the timing, neither he nor Lyn Uphaus are able to attend. It was board consensus that Dave Milligan should be tapped to represent Michigan at the meeting, if he is willing.

**Michigan State University Wheat Specialist**

There was no report given the research updates and requests earlier in the day.

**Michigan State University Wheat Breeder**

Eric Olson reported.

**Event Participation**

**Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center Advisory Committee Meeting**

It was reported that the water project has been put on hold indefinitely. Dwight Bartle reported on the need for soil testing at SVREC.

**Michigan Department of Ag & Rural Development Update**

Jeff Haarer provided an update including the plans for a commodity board member training in the late fall.

**Great Lakes YEN**

Dennis Pennington provided an update on the program.

**Activities Report Executive Director**

Jody Pollok-Newsom will save her report for another time.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments received by the public.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.