

**Michigan Wheat Committee Board Meeting
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI
Room 104
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
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 (via zoom)
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

Present-Non Voting Michigan Wheat Program Affiliates

Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Dave Milligan, Michigan Wheat Committee ex-officio
Eric Olson, MSU Wheat Breeder
Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University Wheat Specialist
Jody Pollok-Newsom, Michigan Wheat Committee staff

Absent

Brent Wagner, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 8
Carl Wagner III, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 2

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

Jeff Krohn, Chairman, called the January 14, 2026, meeting of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) board to order at 3:20 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 January 14, 2026. Supported by Tony Bohac. Motion carried unanimously.

Review/Approve December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The December 15, 2025, board meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting for board review.

MOTION #2: Lyn Uphaus moved to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025, meeting as posted. Supported by Brad Kamprath. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Treasurer Tony Bohac provided an update to the board on financials to date. The storage report was also shared with the board via Jim Doyle. He is going to forward out the most recent report for the board's review. But things are looking up in regard to planted acres and a record setting yield. It was also noted that IRS announced that their mileage rate will be 72.5 cents per mile for 2026.

Great Lakes Yield Enhancement Network Five Years of Findings, Dennis Pennington, MSU Wheat Specialist

Dennis presented an overview of the Great Lakes YEN earlier in the day.

Public Comment

There were no comments received by the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Variety Release Update

Jeff Krohn and Jody Pollok-Newsom shared an update on the work of the committee which includes Lyn Uphaus and Dave Milligan.

2026 Annual Meeting

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared that the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center has been confirmed for Feb 17, 2026, for the annual meeting. Speakers have been confirmed and pr is underway. There will be dinner Monday night with the production speaker, Roger Sylvester Bradley.

March Board Meeting Change

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared that Greenstone is holding an educational event at the Capitol on March 17, which conflicts with the board meeting.

MOTION #3: Dwight Bartle moved to adjust the 2026 meeting schedule by moving the next meeting to March 9. Supported by Jason Dunning. Motion passed unanimously.

Great Lakes Crop Summit

Jody Pollok-Newsom asked which board members were registered and if they are willing, to sign up to moderate a wheat session at the summit.

NEW BUSINESS

MI FFA Proficiency Award Judges

Jody Pollok-Newsom asked for proficiency award judges. Dwight Bartle is available to participate on behalf of the Michigan Wheat Program this year.

2026 Board Appointments

Appointments for Carl Wagner III, Dwight Bartle, and Jeff Krohn are up in 2026. Two names must be submitted for each board position.

MI Wheat Program Referendum

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared that the continuation referendum is Feb 9-20, 2026. An informational zoom was held with MDARD to develop a timeline and what is needed.

Oat Processing Assistance

Jody Pollok-Newsom was contacted by a grower interested in learning more about oat processing opportunities. Dennis Pennington and Eric Olson have done some work with oats and will follow up with the grower.

Sponsorship Requests

Assn of Grain Regulatory Officials Oct 2026 Mtg

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared information prior to the meeting. Jeff Krohn and Jeff Haarer answered questions and provided more information.

MOTION #4: Dwight Bartle moved to sponsor the Association of Grain Regulatory Officials at \$500 bronze level for their October 2026 meeting. Supported by Lyn Uphaus. Motion passed unanimously.

Farming for the Future Event Sponsorship

Jeff Krohn walked the board through the handout that was sent out prior to the meeting.

MOTION #5: Brad Kamprath moved to support the Farming for the Future event through Van Buren County Conservation District at the \$150.00 level Supported by Dwight Bartle. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

National Association of Wheat Growers

Dave Milligan reported that he is attending the winter meeting January 26-29th in DC. They are building off the work done in Minneapolis on strategic planning. Jeff Krohn is attending Commodity Classic and will represent Michigan Wheat at the Wheat Yield Awards Reception.

Michigan State University Wheat Specialist

Dennis Pennington reported that meeting season is beginning and his calendar is filled with travel and meetings.

Michigan State University Wheat Breeder

Eric Olson provided an update on his work. He is working with the National Wheat Improvement committee that works with NAWG. He is going to Washinton DC in March to visit legislators. Brad Kamprath will be there and he can go do some visits with Eric.

MDARD report

Jeff Haarer reported that they have 10 of the oversight reviews for the commodity groups done and MWP will be this year. He commented that it was good to have Jeff and Jody at the MDARD training and that if the board was interested in more information, Brad Deacon could attend a meeting and talk about OMA and FOIA. Also, the rural development grant will be moved out of ag into the state's rural development office.

Great Lakes YEN

Dennis Pennington provided a report earlier in the meeting and there was nothing more to review.

Set Next Meeting Objectives

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Mi Wheat Program Annual Meeting
Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Monday, March 9, 2026 Mi Wheat Program Board Meeting
MSU Crop & Soil Science Research Farm, 4450 Beaumont Road, Lansing, MI 48910

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Mi Wheat Program Summer Field Day
Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Adjourn

MOTION #6: Lyn Uphaus moved to adjourn. Supported by Dwight Bartle. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.