**Michigan Wheat Committee Board Meeting**

**Lansing Center**

**333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI   
Board Room 1**

**Wednesday, January 8, 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

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

**Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Jeff Krohn, Chairman, called the January 8, 2025, meeting of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) board to order at 1:40 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 8, 2025. Supported by Jason Dunning. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Review/Approve December 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The December 9, 2024, 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 9, 2024, meeting as posted. Supported by Brad Kamprath. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chandler Goule, CEO, National Association of Wheat Growers**

Chandler brought comments on behalf of NAWG.

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

Dennis presented an overview of the Great Lakes YEN.

A break was taken at 3:05 p.m and the meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments received by the public.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Variety Release Update**

Nathan Danielson, Jeff Krohn, Lyn Uphaus, Dave Milligan and Jody Pollok-Newsom shared an update. After discussion, there was board consensus to move on.

**Reports**

**MDARD report**

Jeff Haarer reported.

**Michigan State University Wheat Breeder**

Eric Olson provided an update on his work.

**OLD BUSINESS Cont.**

**sWHEATstakes Raffle-National Wheat Foundation Ticket Raffle**

The Montana Grain Growers Association is leading a raffle to benefit the National Wheat Foundation as part of their birthday celebration.

**2025 Annual Meeting**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared that the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center has been confirmed for Feb 25, 2025, for the annual meeting. Speakers have been confirmed and pr is underway.

**Great Lakes Crop Summit**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Michigan Wheat Program Yield Contest**

Jody Pollok-Newsom and Dennis Pennington partnered on the overview.

**MI FFA Proficiency Award Judges**

Jody Pollok-Newsom asked for proficiency award judges. Lyn Uphaus and Dwight Bartle will participate on behalf of the Michigan Wheat Program.

**Seeding Rate Calibration/Germ Test**

Dennis Pennington shared information.

**REPORTS**

**National Association of Wheat Growers**

Jeff Krohn and Lyn Uphaus deferred given the report from Chandler earlier in the meeting.

**Michigan State University Wheat Specialist**

Dennis Pennington presented in the morning at the Michigan Miller Association meeting and so there was no report.

**Great Lakes YEN**

Dennis Pennington provided a report earlier in the meeting.

**Activities Report Executive Director**

Jody Pollok-Newsom provided the board an update.

**Set Next Meeting Objectives**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Mi Wheat Program Annual Meeting

Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Mi Wheat Program Board Meeting

MSU Crop & Soil Science Research Farm

**Adjourn**

**MOTION #3: Lyn Uphaus moved to adjourn. Supported by Dwight Bartle. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.