**MICHIGAN WHEAT COMMITTEE**

**MSU Agronomy Farm**

**4450 Beaumont Road, Lansing, MI 48910**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 21, 2025**

**Present-Voting Board Members**

Dwight Bartle, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 5

Tony Bohac, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 6

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

Brent Wagner, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 8 (via zoom)

**Absent**

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

Carl Wagner III, Michigan Wheat Committee-district 2

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

Dave Milligan, ex-officio

Eric Olson, Michigan State University Wheat Breeder (arrived at 2:45 p.m.)

Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University Wheat Specialist

Jody Pollok-Newsom, Michigan Wheat Committee staff

Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

**Guests**

Nathan Danielson, BioCognito

Faith Cullens Nobis, MSU

Katie King, MSU

**Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

Jeff Krohn, Chairman, called the March 21, 2025, meeting of the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) board to order at 10:08 a.m. Secretary Lyn Uphaus noted for the record that a quorum of the Michigan Wheat Committee members were present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jeff Krohn reviewed the agenda as posted.

**MOTION #1: Brad Kamprath moved to approve the meeting agenda for March 21, 2025, as written. Supported by Lyn Uphaus. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Approval of January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The January 8, 2025, meeting minutes were sent out prior to the meeting.

**MOTION #2: Lyn Uphaus moved to approve the minutes as written from the January 8, 2025, meeting as presented. Supported by Tony Bohac. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Director Reports**

The crop looks good.

**Financial Report**

Tony Bohac presented the financials.

**MOTION #3: Brad Kamprath moved to accept the financial reports from November, December, January and February and place them on file. Supported by Dwight Bartle. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Reimbursement For Commodity Classic**

Dave Milligan provided an update on his trip via special invitation from the National Association of Wheat Growers to attend Commodity Classic as a past President of the organization as part of their 75th celebration.

**MOTION #4: Dwight Bartle moved to reimburse Dave Milligan for his trip to Commodity Classic. Brad Kamprath supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Assessment Rate Set for 2025**

Jody Pollok-Newsom reported that according to the program, the assessment rate has to be set by the board prior to March 31.

**MOTION #5: Tony Bohac moved to leave the check-off assessment rate for the Michigan Wheat Program at one half of one percent (.005) for the 2025 crop year. Dwight Bartle supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Seed Wheat Assessment**

Jody Pollok-Newsom reported that the seed wheat assessment has to be set before harvest.

**MOTION #6: Dwight Bartle moved to keep the seed wheat assessment rate for the Michigan Wheat Program as the average November through April wheat price based on the CBOT September closing price for the 2025 crop year. Jason Dunning supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adopt 2025-26 Yield Enhancement Network Budget**

Jody Pollok-Newsom and Dennis Pennington presented the 2025-26 fiscal year Great Lakes Yield Enhancement Network proposed budget.

**MOTION #7: Brad Kamprath moved to approve the Great Lakes Yield Enhancement Network budget for 2025-26, as presented. Lyn Uphaus supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Adopt 2025-26 Budget**

Jody Pollok-Newsom presented the 2025-26 fiscal year proposed budget.

**MOTION #8: Dwight Bartle moved to adopt the budget for 2025-26, as presented. Jason Dunning supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2024-25 Budget**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared a year to date report on the 2024-25 budget.

**MOTION #9: Dwight Bartle moved for the executive committee to review and adjust the final year end 2024-25 budget. Jason Dunning supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Management Contract for 2025-26**

The executive committee reported.

**MOTION #10: Tony Bohac moved to support the executive committee’s recommendation and continue the management contract with a 3% cost of living increase. The rest of the contract will remain unchanged. Brad Kamprath supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment**

There were no comments received by the public.

A lunch break was taken at 12:00 noon and the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Variety Release**

Nathan Danielson, Jody Pollok-Newsom and committee members Jeff Krohn, Lyn Uphaus and Dave Milligan reported.

**2025 Board Appointments**

2025 board appointments are up this summer for Brad Kamprath, Tony Bohac and Brent Wagner. Brent is term limited and cannot be reappointed.

**2025 Great Lakes Crop Summit**

The board shared their thoughts on the event.

**2025 Annual Meeting Wrap Up**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared the tallied evaluation form.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PFAS Discussion**

Faith Cullens-Nobis and Katie King shared an overview of their work regarding PFAS.

A break was taken at 2:57 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

**Sponsorship Requests**

**Growing Degree Day Calculator**

Dennis Pennington presented a request for funding to develop a growing degree day calculator for wheat growers.

**MOTION #11: Brad Kamprath moved to approve the $2,400.00 for the growing degree day calculator work. Tony Bohac supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MSU Athletics Ag Day**

Jody Pollok-Newsom provided an overview of the request from MSU Athletics for Ag Day.

**2025 Summer Field Day**

Jody Pollok-Newsom and Dennis Pennington provided a draft agenda for the Summer Field day.

**2026 Annual Meeting**

Jody Pollok-Newsom shared information to date for 2026.

**National Association of Wheat Growers Representation**

Jeff Krohn and Lyn Uphaus will continue representing MWP on the NAWG board.

**Reports**

**National Association of Wheat Growers**

Dave Milligan covered this earlier.

**Michigan State University Wheat Specialist**

Dennis Pennington shared an update.

**Yield Enhancement Network Update**

Jody Pollok-Newsom and Dennis Pennington updated the board on work to date as this fifth year of the program was launched with 200 total participants split between the US and Canada.

**Michigan State University Wheat Breeder**

Eric Olson shared a report.

**Michigan Department of Ag & Rural Development**

Jeff Haarer reported.

**Event Participation**

Michigan Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting-Carl Wagner III attended the event, but was not in attendance at this meeting, so Jody Pollok-Newsom gave an update.

**Commodity Classic**

Dave Milligan reported earlier in the day.

**FFA Proficiency Award Judging**

Dwight Bartle and Lyn Uphaus reported.

**Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center Advisory Board**

Dwight Bartle reported.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Due to time constraints there was no Executive Director’s report.

**Set Next Meeting Objectives**

Zoom Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m

MWP Summer Field Day, June 25, 2025 @ MSU Pathology Farm @ 1:00 p.m.

Research Board Meeting, Tuesday & Wednesday, August 26 & 27, 2025 @ Okemos Conference Center

Board Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION #12: Dwight Bartle moved to adjourn. Jason Dunning supported. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.