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MINUTES

September 24-25, 2024

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Present

Ben Barstow, District VI-Barley / Chair
Kevin Klein, District VII-Barley / Vice Chair
Ty Jessup, Position 2-Wheat Industry Rep / Treasurer
Mike Carstensen, District I-Wheat
Gary Bailey, District II-Wheat
Brit Ausman, District III-Wheat
Ben Adams, District IV-Wheat
Brian Cochrane, District V-Wheat
Brian Liedl, Position 1-Wheat Industry Rep
Scott Steinbacher, WA ST Dept. of Agriculture Rep

Absent

Barley Industry Rep - *Vacant*

Staff:

Casey Chumrau, Chief Executive Officer
Mary Palmer Sullivan, Vice President
Lori Maricle, Director of Communication
Jake Liening, Market Development Specialist
Sheila McCrea, Finance & Administrative Specialist
Parker Dawson, Systems & Data Processing Specialist
Shari McCarthy, Receptionist/Accounts Specialist

Visitors:

Industry, general public and media

Call to Order – Chair Ben Barstow called the regular meeting of the Washington Grain Commission (WGC) to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 24, 2024.

Administrative

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Introductions and Roll
3. Open Forum – Public Comment Period. Randy Suess, Washington Wheat Foundation president, thanked the board for inviting his participation in hosting a recent trade team visiting the state. He mentioned that the Foundation is working to revitalize the honorary tiles placed in the entryway of the building (in 1999) to generate additional income. They are now accepting donations for their yearly auction to be held in conjunction with the convention to be held in November.
4. Approval of Minutes – June 3-4, 2024. The minutes of the annual meeting were circulated to the members of the WGC prior to this meeting.

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the annual June 3-4, 2024 meeting as recorded.

5. Approval of Financials – Chair Ben Barstow reviewed the WGC financial statements for the months of May, June, July and August 2024 with the board as follows:

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE GENERAL FUND

August 31, 2024

Assets:	
Checking – US Bank	102,670.90
Petty Cash	200.00
W – US Bank Saving	253,205.25
B – US Bank Savings	77,183.16
W – Robert W. Baird Mmkt Acct	124,985.31
W – Robert W. Baird Investments	17,694,050.28
B – Robert W. Baird Mmkt Acct	1,959.90
B – Robert W. Baird Investments	203,544.06
Assessments Receivable	<u>133,980.47</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$18,591,779.33</u>
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	22,561.25
ID Withholding Payable	368.00
Def Comp Payable	(1,875.00)
WA Cares Fund	643.00
Paid Family Medical Leave	651.13
L&I Premium Payable	471.84
Unearned Assessments Revenue	133,980.47
Unearned Revenue (Renter Deposit)	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities:	\$159,800.70
Equity:	
Retained Earnings-Current Year	107,422.72
Fund Balance (Unassigned)	11,424,555.91
Reserved Fund Balance (Assigned)	5,400,000.00
Marketing Reserved Fund Balance (Assigned)	<u>1,500,000.00</u>
Total Equity:	\$18,431,978.63
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$18,591,779.33</u>

Transfers and disbursements were reported to the board for the periods of May, June, July and August 2024 and recommended that all disbursements be approved and authorized for payment. There were no voided checks.

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to approve ACH Transfers 218-232, and Checks #33055 – #33071 representing **May** expenditures; and ACH Transfers 233-264, and Checks #33072 – #33092 representing **June** expenditures; and ACH Transfers 265-277, and Checks #33093 – #33109 representing **July** expenditures, and ACH Transfers 278-289, and Checks #33110 – #33127 representing **August 2024** expenditures.

6. Assessment Collections / Investments – CEO Casey Chumrau presented the Analysis of Assessment Collection report which showed that as of September 12 the following amounts were received: barley assessments \$14,631; and wheat assessments \$786,641. It was noted that the collections to date are behind this same time last year due to the busy harvest season. November

will provide a better estimate of total projected revenue for FY 2024/25.

Current investment details of certificates of deposit and federal notes for barley and wheat, which are tracked separately per RCW 15.115.280, were communicated to the board. Combined CD and FN investments for barley totaled \$208,003; and wheat investments totaled \$19,086,503. Interest rates for new investments with Robert W. Baird & Co. (RWB) are higher and being secured as maturity dates are met.

7. Commission Operations – Chair Ben Barstow addressed the following:
 - a. Market Development Specialist Position – Jake Liening was introduced as the newest member of the WGC staff. He provided his agricultural background and said he’s excited to be working for the state’s grain growers.
 - b. Appoint/Reappoint Wheat Industry Representative Position 2 – Chair Ben Barstow thanked Ty Jessup, Marketing Manager of HighLine Grain Growers, Inc., for his service in the capacity of WGC board member for Position 2 over the years. When asked, Mr. Jessup said he was willing to serve another term at the will of the board. As his term expires on December 31, nominations were requested for the position for another three-year term. After asking three times for final nominations for the position, Chair Barstow asked for a motion to be made:

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to reappoint Ty Jessup as the Wheat Industry Representative, Position 2 to the WGC Board for another term.

The nomination will be submitted to WSDA Director Derek Sandison for official approval.

- c. Set WGC 2025 Meeting Dates – Discussion ensued to set the meeting dates of the commission for the next calendar year.

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to approve the WGC meeting dates for 2025 as follows: January 23 (Pullman); March 26; May 14-15; September 23-24; and November 17.

The January board meeting date has since been changed to January 24 (Pullman).

District Reports

- Mike Carstensen (District 1: Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens) – Regional late June frost impacted yields on some fields, depending on location. Overall production came out average. There is less moisture this year going into fall than the previous year but stands still look good so far even without moisture. There are reports of continuing anxiety over input cost with the current price of wheat.
- Gary Bailey (District 2: Whitman) – Winter wheat production was good, above average and mostly No. 1 grade. Average protein for the region was 10.3%. Spring wheat production was below average with protein in the 11 - 12% range. Seeding is wrapping up for the fall. Earlier seeded fields are emerging but it’s still too early to know how much patching they’ve got.
- Brit Ausman (District 3: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla) – No report.
- Ben Adams (District 4: Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan) – Harvest in the region was fast this year. Frost damage hit some areas hard. Protein ranged from 8 - 10%. Most growers are done seeding and many are waiting for rain to patch stands.
- Brian Cochrane (District 5: Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Yakima) – Total wheat production for the area is roughly 30% below average. He reported 30% of is farm crop suffered winter kill, and weed mitigation inputs were high this year. Seeding started in August, and growers are continuing to dust in now. Emergence in the region has been slow; there will be some patching. There are reports that the wheat variety planted played a big part in harvest yield.

- Ben Barstow (District 6 Barley: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima) – So far growers are just starting to get going on fall seeding. Winter wheat production was above average, and spring wheat production was all over the board. Garbanzos were below average. Have had one rain event in the last couple of weeks.
- Kevin Klein (District 7 Barley: Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens) – Barley production did well and winter wheat production was average. He reported that the quality of winter wheat production for the region was No. 1 grade, and spring wheat production was No. 2 grade or less. There were reports that the crop looked good, but just didn't fill and it was hard to thresh. Fall seeding is ongoing; not all planted crop has emerged.

Industry and WSDA Reports

- Ty Jessup (Position 2-Wheat Industry Rep) – Regional proteins have been highly variable this year. Harvest started with low proteins but settled out over the harvest period to average. Crop production in general is good. Winter canola did very well but spring canola was not as good, in line with wheat production this year. It is expected that winter canola acres will be high again this year. He reported the perception is growers are paying more attention to the market and timing when they sell. The Australian crop is expected to be another big one, which impacts marketing decisions. Geopolitical events are only having minor impacts to market prices currently. Rail transportation has been a hurdle with BNSF reducing the number of shuttles “to make themselves more efficient.” Freight has been very expensive all year and Mexico rail embargos have made a big problem for shippers. The board discussed reported reduced club wheat acres in response to low premium. Growers don't have as much incentive to plant club compared to other new white wheat varieties that consistently yield higher. Not having a COAX/ Clearfield® club variety is a hurdle; the plant back period is keeping club out of the rotation on some farms. Japan's shrinking demand is making the market lose interest. Production is not consistent from year to year.
- Brian Liedl (Position 1-Wheat Industry Rep) – Wheat export volumes have been steady. Exporters are busy with corn and beans, so they don't have much motivation to chase wheat. Exports have been steady into the Philippines. There's a lot of white wheat with low protein from Oregon, which had a bumper crop.
- Scott Steinbacher (WSDA Rep) – The closure of the WSDA office in Pasco was hard on staff for the beginning of harvest. Since the harvest rush, they have been doing a lot of falling numbers testing for WSU research.

Policy

1. WAWG Update – Anthony Smith, Washington Association of Wheat Growers president, reported that WAWG has been attending monthly meetings on the Riparian Buffer roundtable working to find solutions that work for all stakeholders and discuss strategies for salmon protection. Olympia Days are scheduled for January 19-21, 2025 and invited the commissioners to participate. He, Andy Juris and Nicole Berg participated in the NAWG Farm Bill Fly-In to Washington, D.C. September 9-11. NAWG organized the event with other National commodities (Corn, Soy, Cotton, Peanuts, Sorghum, SW Council of Agribusiness) and farm credit to advocate agriculture and collaborate on the Hill expressing the importance of Farm Bill passage. It was relayed to Congress the current scenario of financial pressure building across U.S. Agriculture. They reported that a government shutdown at the end of the month is a possibility. This deadline is also relative to the Farm Bill and it is likely that there will be an extension beyond September 30. Andy Juris, WAWG transportation chair, reported on their participation with the WDOT transportation and joint transportation advisory committees. They've been working very closely with PNWA and IPNG members to provide the state with the information needed to assist with their modeling. There are highlighted concerns with their initial model that the contractor is working through when it

comes to fertilizer and wheat – timing, reliability, and numerous data and analysis gaps. Michelle Hennings, executive director, and Trista Crossley, Wheat Life editor, participated in the Midwest River Team tour in late June. There is a thorough and informational article in the August/September edition of *Wheat Life* summarizing this inaugural collaboration trip to unite U.S. Rivers to support each other in advocacy and infrastructure. The Lower Snake River Dam Congressional staffer tour was held on August 20 in Lewiston, ID. Also in attendance were policy staff from National Corn, and the Torrey Advisory Group. The Tri-State Grain Growers annual convention will be held in Coeur d’Alene, ID November 19-21.

2. State Legislative Update – Mark Streuli, Streuli Public Affairs, and Diana Carlen, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs, WGC lobbyists, reported that statewide campaigns are in full swing and some of the ag friendly legislators may not get reelected as they are in a tight race. Many members of the state legislature are not running again, so there is a high turnover. There will be a lot of educating needed this next session, including a new governor and leaders of agencies. The fuel exemption rebate through the Washington State Department of Transportation opened in August, but farmers must apply and self-attest to receive the rebate of \$1,200 to \$4,500. Mark and Diana, as well as WAWG have been attending monthly meetings on the Riparian Buffer Roundtable group to find solutions that work for all stakeholders and discuss strategies for salmon protection. Riparian buffer recommendations have been made by consultants (not task force members) and include a “regulatory backstop.” The members of the task force have emphasized that this should be a voluntary process and needs to be penciled out for farmers’ economics. The concern is that if there isn’t voluntary participation, eminent domain will occur. Early budget predictions show Washington State will have up to a \$7-billion shortfall. Many legislators have not seen this type of reduction during their time in office.
3. Government Relations – Mike Miller, Washington Genetics, LLC, reported on his recent activities including visits to his farm from congressional staff, members and agencies. He continues to work with WSU representing them to the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) where they are working on obtaining funding for a Research Facilities Act in the Farm Bill. Mr. Miller has been monitoring club wheat seed sales and tracking possible impacted planting acres. He connected the WGC CEO with former trade ambassador Darcy Vetter to work with the U.S. Wheat administrators as they plan out their guiding principles. There is open communication with the WGC CEO on a weekly basis. Mr. Miller was congratulated by the commissioners for his consideration to the agriculture transition team, by both administrations, regardless of the election outcome.
4. NAWG Proposal – The supplemental funding proposal by the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) was discussed. It was reiterated that both WGC and WAWG are co-funding NAWG membership for Washington State (\$60,500 each) this year. The proposal outlined specific projects and activities, and the costs involved. The request was sent out after most organizations had approved their annual budgets, which was not good timing. It was determined that more questions could be answered at NAWG’s Fall board meeting. WAWG will update the WGC on any developments at their next meeting.

Market Development

1. USW – Mike Carstensen reported that President Vince Peterson plans to retire in 2025. Food aid shipments were down last year, according to U.S. Wheat Associates, and some theft in Africa also contributed to the shutting down of the aid programs. It was asked if the current administration’s money allocated to the food aid programs would transfer with any changing of the guard. Casey Chumrau answered that if there is any leftover money, then it would carry over.
 - a. Officer Candidate – Mike Carstensen related that he is running for USW officer position for 2025.
 - b. PNW Team to South America – A team will be traveling for a week in October to Peru and Chile to meet with importers, learn about the markets, and better understand the

- opportunities and barriers for additional soft white sales in the region. While in Peru they will visit the largest mill and food manufacturer and will meet with the largest cookie/cracker company who is a soft white (SW) wheat user. In Santiago, Chile they plan to meet with additional SW users and visit the U.S. Wheat training lab.
- c. Crop Quality Seminars – Casey Chumrau will participate in the SE Asia Crop Quality Seminar scheduled in November. There will be other seminars conducted in North Asia and Latin America.
 - d. Trade Teams – The WGC hosted teams from Korea, Japan, the Philippines, and a Nissoon team. This year was light in number compared to other years, and next year will likely be busier due to increased USW funding through the RAPP program. The trade teams were well-covered and a positive response on social media was received. The participation of researchers and growers as well as WGC members is much appreciated. The talks over dinner with the Japanese biscuit team were exceptional and they mentioned issues that their consumers have with the perceived safety/quality of imported wheat. They want to dedicate their annual campaign to the safety of the PNW wheat supply, with the grand prize being a trip to the PNW that is similar to this summer's visit. They also showed interest in putting a logo on their packaging that would resemble "safety" and "high quality" so that their consumers would be assured they are getting the best products.
2. Barley Update – The National Barley Growers Association held their meeting in June. Kevin Klein and Mary Palmer Sullivan provided several updates. Barley use in beer consumption continues to decrease while seltzers sales continue to increase. The meeting was held in Minneapolis so they were able to visit the malting facilities. Mary Palmer Sullivan visited with LINC malt and Cold Stream companies. There is an annual event at a farm near Spokane where they conduct beer tasting, and this year part of the proceeds benefited the WAWG barley fund (raised \$2,500). The "No Barley, No Beer" stickers were a huge hit.
 3. Wheat Marketing Center – Brit Ausman reported that the office administrator of the WMC has resigned and they are posting the job soon to refill. Their website refresh is on hold until the new hire is in place. They will outsource some marketing duties until the position is filled.

Communications and Education

1. Seasons of Farming Video Update – Lori Maricle provided an update on recent activity for the WGC/WAWG/WWF communications campaign Seasons of Farming. Recent video interviews in August and September went well. The final magazine article will cover crop rotations. Some campaign content has already been repurposed for county fair educational displays and video messaging will also help address concerns raised by the WWF regarding recent misinformation in the media regarding the nutritional value of commercial wheat. Some ideas were offered for additional campaign promotional efforts and the board provided feedback for guiding promotional direction. Other communication updates included a report on recent media relations and ideas for the WGC to expand efforts to increase communication on market development and education activities; options for the WGC Washington Grown sponsorship for the next season; and discussion on board preferences for production data reported in the WGC annual report.
2. Portland Grower Tour – Mary Palmer Sullivan provided an overview of the upcoming PNW grower tour to Portland. The tour is full for this year. The tour will again return to the Mondelez commercial bakery in Portland. Haly Neely and Leslie Edgar from WSU will attend.

Research

1. WSU Report – Dr. Wendy Powers, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) Washington State University, informed the board that the college had increased their freshman enrollment numbers by 6% over the previous year; while WSU showed increased enrollment of 2.5% over the previous year, but are still down 3% overall. The dean has not heard that there will be internal budget reductions at this time, however CAHNRS

subsequently cut 1% of their budget. WSU will ask the legislature to fill the state salary increase gap, however, they do not expect that the state will provide funding relief to the college, they'll need to think more extramural. A search for a replacement for Whitman, Columbia and Garfield counties extension agent is ongoing, and the office will likely be based in Whitman County. With a number of endowed chair holders nearing retirement, Dr. Powers discussed the requirements to replace those positions, including start-up funding to incentivize and attract good candidates.

Dr. Rich Koenig, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences (CSS) Professor, WSU, reported that the provost is working on gathering nominations for the CAHNRS dean search committee. Plans are underway to fill this position by June 2025. The USDA ARS building is now at 95% complete in the planning phase, with construction of steel framing work ongoing. The Wheat Quality Assurance Program seeded wheat in May and none of the submissions survived the spraying of glyphosate. The Wheat Academy is slated for December 10-11 in Pullman, with registration going out on October 11. A total of 75 spots are available for participants.

2. **WSU/ARS Committee Reports** – At the annual meeting, the WGC discussed the challenges faced by the WSU Variety Testing Program, including staffing issues, communication difficulties, and data discrepancies. Since that time, lack of staffing and the ability to plant for the 2025 year has been even more challenging. Dr. Clark Neely and the advisory committee met to discuss which plot locations could be dropped this year and how to address some of the issues at hand. In late October or November there will be an advisory committee in-person meeting to talk more in-depth about concerns that have been raised. This program impacts many other projects including data collection for the Preferred Variety Brochure produced by the WGC as well as information that is used to promote varieties to seed dealers and farmers making seed buying decisions.
3. **Research Pre-Proposals** – The board reviewed the list of research projects that are due to expire this year and discussed whether they would consider funding any new proposals. It was determined that projects up for renewal could go forward for a full proposal to the WGC for funding consideration. New project ideas will be submitted through a pre-proposal document for the commissioners' review by the November board meeting. At that time, the WGC may invite researchers to deliver a brief presentation and answer questions to help determine if the pre-proposal will go forward to a full proposal for consideration as part of the WGC annual Research Review scheduled for February 11, 2025.
4. **Endowment Retirements** – Dr. Drew Lyon, current Endowed Chair in Small Grains Extension and Research, has announced that he will be retiring within the next year and has shared concerns about his refilling his position. Given the dire fiscal situation within the CSS, as well as the CAHNRS, it has been estimated by the present dean that it may take at least two years to build funding for start-up packages that would incentivize the hire (moving costs). Discussion followed that there are a few in endowed chair positions that are nearing retirement age as well. The direction was that the WGC develop a plan or recommendation to WSU CAHNRS regarding a timeline to refill endowment positions, as well as how to address the start-up funds necessary and/or carryover funds within specific endowments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was called by Chair Ben Barstow and held on Tuesday, September 24, from 4:30 p.m. for 1 ½ hours to discuss personnel issues (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)).

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the public meeting at 4:30 p.m. and go into Executive Session for 1 ½ hours.

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. and to reconvene the public meeting at 5:50 p.m. and to then adjourn the public meeting at 5:51 p.m.; and to reconvene on Wednesday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m.

No action was taken following this Executive Session.

Other Topics

Neil Maunu, executive director, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), joined the meeting via Zoom, along with Anthony Peña, government relations manager, and Mary Wiley, newly hired communications manager. Topics included the PNWA 90th anniversary celebration and the Columbia River Treaty negotiation wherein an Agreement in Principle with Canada ensures normal operations through January 2025. It may take 6 months to 2 years for Congress to ratify. Peña said Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murry are great advocates for the river system. Regarding Snake River Dams litigation, there is a basis for parties to ask the courts to delay decisions for up to 10 years, pausing lawsuits. Only Congress can authorize the breaching of dams – with a four-step process 1) Authorize study for dam removal; 2) if Congress passes authorization, must fund said study (2 years); 3) would then need to appropriate funds for removal; 4) mitigate lawsuits. PNWA is addressing misinformation by providing factual data to the public and Congress with digital and printed materials.

Ambassador Kip Tom, served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, and chief of the United States Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome, from 2019 to 2021 joined the meeting via Zoom. He related the current worldwide situation with geopolitical risks and threats affecting the movement of agricultural products. Food security is national security. There's been \$1.67 trillion in new regulations which may push even more products off-shore for development (fertilizer/nitrogen imported from Russia; potassium from Belarus, etc.). Growers' innovation capabilities are suffering due to the regulatory restrictions by the U.S. government. The U.S. needs a national agriculture strategy to be successful and in attracting young people to the industry ensuring the next generation can farm the same land(s). He addressed the recently approved GMO trait (Hb4) by USDA-APHIS and stated that any GMO wheat will face barriers in the Food Aid Program. Countries are more fearful of their farmers planting it than if it were a danger to consumers.

Dean Wendy Powers, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) Cashup Davis Family Endowed Dean, WSU announced her resignation from the college at the end of the 2024–25 academic year. She outlined the timeline of bid process for search firm, nominations submitted, and search committee created. There have been 150 nominations submitted for WSU president; 13 were selected and they've held 24 listening sessions so far. Would like to have the new president on board by July 1, 2025. The Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) representatives met with deans of the western regional states, and plan to work more collaboratively to carry unified messages to the states and Washington, D.C. Their push is for augmenting stable capacity funds for faculty, providing continuity over the years to produce new varieties.

Lora Liegel, Administrator of the WSDA Labeling Program, addressed the board via Zoom. The program to promote Washington ag products was passed in 2023, after studies conducted by other stakeholders about what would work for Washington state. A decision package was released to the legislature with the ask of \$1.4 million over the next biennium to choose a program name, website creation, and logos—multiple representing all Washington commodities. The stipulation of products needing to be 100% Washington grown for food/fruit was discussed. Chair Ben Barstow asked about using a PNW logo for wheat instead as most production is co-mingled and shipped from Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Self-attestation may be possible, with codified rules to spell out requirements.

Dalton Henry, vice president of Policy, U.S. Wheat Associates, reported to the board viz Zoom. The USDA-APHIS recently ruled that the BioCeres Crop Solutions' HB4® drought tolerant trait is no longer subject to limitations in the U.S. The targeted wheat growing region is the Midwest. Currently there are 4 million hectares in Latin America and Australia where permits have been awarded to begin trials of hard red wheat varieties. Market approvals are critical prior to commercialization of any GMO trait. USW supports and works to meet customer demands and preferences. Accurate, economic and timely trait detection testing must be developed for market access and regulatory status. He outlined the top 10 customers for U.S. wheat (5-year average) and they responded as expected. Serious discussions of countries' commercial tolerances are taking place. The best interests of each government to approve the use, then they can set tolerance levels. A dedicated supply chain will need to be established, or elevators will need to be named a source-point as handling only non-GMO wheat to facilitate segregation and prevent contamination. The same boat will be loaded with both GMO and non-GMO wheats. Casey Chumrau referred to the PNW joint statement released regarding the commissions' stance on the subject. As the tri-states are not in the targeted region, plans are to protect markets, since approximately 90% is exported. Brit Ausman stated that the WGC is cautiously optimistic pending opportunities.

Calendar & Travel Authority

1. Approve Travel Authority

Motion was moved, seconded and passed to approve and authorize travel and virtual attendance as follows:

September 23	WWF Board Meeting, Ritzville Lori Maricle
September 26	WSU CAHNRS Ag Documentary, Pullman Lori Maricle
September 30 - October 1	State Administrators Meeting, Denver, CO Casey Chumrau
October 2-4	PNWA Annual Meeting, Vancouver Ben Barstow / Casey Chumrau / Mary Palmer Sullivan
October 4-5	Pasco Chamber of Commerce RiverFest, Columbia Park, Kennewick Kevin Klein / Lori Maricle
October 7	CAHNRS Internship Fair, Pullman Lori Maricle
October 12-20	Tri-State Commission South AM Trip, Lima, Peru / Santiago, Chile Mike Carstensen / Casey Chumrau
October 14-17	PRSA Conference, Anaheim, CA Lori Maricle
November 4-6	Portland Grower Tour, Portland, OR Commissioners / Mary Palmer Sullivan / Jake Liening

- November 6 WA Grown TV Production Meeting, Moses Lake
Lori Maride
- November 9-17 SE Asia Crop Quality Tour, Philippines / Thailand / Singapore
Casey Chumrau
- November 10-14 USW/NAWG Board Meetings, Chandler, AZ
Gary Bailey / Mike Carstensen / Mary Palmer Sullivan / Lori Maride /
Jake Liening
- November 19-21 Tri-State Grain Growers Convention, Coeur d’Alene, ID
Commissioners / Staff
- December 9-11 IGP Intro to Flour Milling, Manhattan, KS
Ben Adams / Jake Liening
- February *TBD* Priority Session #1, Spokane
Commissioners / Staff
- March *TBD* Priority Session #2, Spokane
Commissioners / Staff

Date/Place Next Meeting

Chair Ben Barstow designated November 18, 2024 as the date of the next regular meeting of the commission to be held at the WGC office.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the commission, this meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes Approval Signature

Upon passage of minutes by board at subsequent meeting



Ben Barstow, Chair

Date