



**Minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2017
Embassy Suites
Lincoln, Nebraska**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Merrell, Chairman
Deborah Borg
David Bruntz
Dennis Gengenbach
John Greer
Jon Holzfaster
Brandon Hunnicutt
Jay Reiners
Tim Scheer
Alan Tiemann

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Boone McAfee
Kurtis Harms
Susan Zabel

EX- OFFICIO - NOT PRESENT:

Hector Santiago, IANR-UNL

EX-OFFICIOS

Mat Habrock, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture
Dan Wesley, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.

VISTORS:

David Buchholz, David & Associates
Phil Kozera, BIO Nebraska
Laura Schabloske, Clairrant Partners
Galen Erickson, UNL
Emie Yiannaka, UNL
Katie Bathke, Allen
David Schuler, Intern
Jacy Spencer, Intern
Bob Storant Dept. of Agriculture
Chris Barber, Dept. of Agriculture
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA
Mark Wilkins, UNL
Ann Bruntz, Friend

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by David Merrell, chairman. Merrell announced that the notice of the meeting was given and published in compliance with the Open Meetings Law and that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, a copy of which was available for public inspection and review during the meeting.

MINUTES

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 6th 2017 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

*Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer
Holzfaster, not present*

Nay: None

By a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the June and July, 2017 fiscal reports as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

*Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer
Holzfaster, not present*

Nay: None

By a vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

ELECTION OF AT-LARGE DIRECTOR

- ▶ A motion was made to approve Jay Reiners to fill the Nebraska Corn Board's At-Large Director position.

A roll call vote was taken:

*Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer,
Holzfaster*

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers were elected for FY 2017-18 by secret ballot:

Chairman – David Merrell

Vice-Chairman – David Bruntz

Secretary Treasurer – Debbie Borg

PRAIRIE LOFT

- ▶ A motion was made to add \$5,000 from general unobligated to the Prairie Loft line item in the In-State Projects for a total of \$10,000.

A roll call vote was taken:

*Aye: Merrell, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer,
Holzfaster*

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- ▶ A motion was made to apply the \$6,942.44 reimbursement from Green Plains (co-sponsor of Frog Fest) to offset their share of Frog Fest promotional items.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer, Holzfaster

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

FIRST TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made not to advance the Nebraska High School and College Rodeo proposal to second time funding.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made suspend the rules and consider to Growth Energy RVP proposal.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Growth Energy RVP proposal in the amount of \$50,000, from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer, Holzfaster

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ A motion was on behalf of the Market Development Committee to fund the USGC proposal in the amount of \$200,000 from the Cooperator Market Development Projects line item in the Market Development Committee budget.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer, Holzfaster

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel on the calendar for the months of August, September, October, November, December and January.

DATES	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
August 17-18, 2017	PRX Summer Seminar	Kansas City, MO	Berry
September 2-8, 2017	USMEF Heartland Mission	Japan	Merrell, Reiners
September 7-8, 2017	NCGA Orientation	St. Louis, MO	Harms
September 10-16, 2017	Governor's Trade Mission	Japan	Borg
September 12-13, 2017	Nat. Ag Genotyping Center Board	St. Louis, MO	McAfee
September 14-15, 2017	NCGA Board of Directors	St. Louis, MO	Hunnicut
September 25-26, 2017	EDF Nitrogen Workshop	WDC	McAfee
October 4-6, 2017	NCGA Communications Summit	Denver, CO	Harms
October 9-11, 2017	NCGA State Staff Retreat	Kentucky	Berry
October 12-13, 2017	AAE Annual meeting	Detroit, MI	Berry
October 12, 2017	NCGA Soil Health Partnership	St. Louis	McAfee
October 17-20, 2017	USGC Ethanol Summit	Houston, TX	Brunkhorst, Berry
October 24-26, 2017	St. Exec's Meeting	Estes Park, CO	Brunkhorst
November 1-3, 2017	USMEF	Tucson, AZ	Brunkhorst, Bruntz, Borg
November 3-5, 2017	Texas Motor Speedway	Dallas, TX	Gengenbach, NeCGA Grower-TBD
November 8-10, 2017	Waterways Council	Mobil, AL	Brunkhorst
November 8-9, 2017	NCGA Ethanol Summit	St. Louis, MO	Berry
November 14-16, 2017	Field to Market	Kansas City, MO	McAfee
November 17, 2017	Ag-Ceptional Women	Norfolk, NE	Harms
December 12-15, 2017	NCGA President & A-Team meetings	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Hunnicutt, Merrell

December 12-14, 2017	USAPEEC meeting	WDC	TBD
January 18-19, 2018	Soil Health Summit	Chicago, IL	McAfee
January 19-29, 2018	4 State Mission	South Africa	Greer, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Wrich

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm.

A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

Deborah Borg, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Zabel, Business Manager