



**Minutes of the meeting held December 19, 2016  
Cornhusker Hotel  
333 So. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EX-OFFICIOS**

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

**VISITORS:**

Dave Buchholz, David & Associates  
Christine Barber, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture  
Bob Storant, Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture  
Laura Schabloske, Clairrant Partners  
Josh Dethlefsen, Neb. Attorney General's Office  
Don Hutchens

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Nikki Bentzinger  
Boone McAfee  
Morgan Schilling  
Emily Thornburg  
Susan Zabel

**VISTORS:**

Morgan Wrich, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Brenda Zanga, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Paul Cernik, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Larry Mussack, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Jay Reiners, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Lynn Chrisp, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Curtis Rohrich, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Chuck Emanuel, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Dave Dahlgren, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Carl Sousek, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Steve Ebke, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Jay Rempe, Neb. Farm Bureau

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB 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.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- ▶ A motion was made to ratify the Strategic Plan as presented.

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

### **NCGA PORTFOLIO**

- ▶ A motion was made to allocate \$100,000 from the NCGA Portfolio line item to the NCGA Ethanol A-Team, \$50,000 for the NCGA Livestock (Feed, Food, Industrial) A-Team and \$50,000 to the NCGA Risk Management A-Team from the NCGA Portfolio line item. Decisions on distribution of additional funding of other committees will be decided during Board's six-month budget review later in the meeting.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Merrell, Scheer*

*By a vote of 7 ayes to 2 nays, motion carried.*

### **MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the November fiscal report as presented.

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

### **NATIONAL AG GENOTYPING COUNCIL**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the NAGC funding request.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to withdraw funding from the GMO Comic project which was initially funded at the June, 2016 board meeting. The amount of the contract, \$9,532.00 to be returned to the Communications Committee's unobligated line item.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to increase the line item for the Communications Committee's USGC International Intern, due to the internship being located in Mexico City which is more expensive, an additional \$2,500 out of General Unobligated to bring the total of this line item to \$12,500.00.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules and consider the IMG Husker Sports project for FY 17/18.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to fund IMG Husker Sports in FY 2017/18 in the amount of \$69,955 from General Unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

### **NCGA/CRAPPIE MASTERS**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the NCGA Crappie Master project in the amount of \$5,000 to be taken from the Market Development Committee's unobligated.
- ▶ A motion was made to amend the motion to increase the funding amount to \$10,000 for the Crappie Master's project from the Market Development Committee's unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Gengenbach, Scheer, Bruntz, Greer, Merrell*

*Nay: Holzfaster, Borg, Tiemann, Hunnicutt*

*By a vote of 5 ayes and 4 nays; motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the NCGA Crappie Master project in the amount of \$10,000 to be taken from the Market Development Committee's unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Tiemann, Hunnicutt*

*By a vote of 7 ayes and 2 nays; motion carried.*

**SIX-MONTH BUDET REVIEW**

- ▶ A motion was made to adjust the revenue to \$8,040,800 and beginning cash balance to \$2,642,482.10 for the purpose of the 6-month review.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Scheer*

*By a vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to allocate additional funding, expected from the increased corn production figures in 2016 in the amount of approximately \$650,000, to the following projects: AFAN - \$75,000; USGC - \$200,000; Front Range Clean Air - \$100,000; National Ag Genotyping Center - \$100,000; Cover Crops Research - \$20,000; Corn/Soy Pocket Guides - \$35,000; Youth Animated video - \$20,000; NCGA Board designation - \$50,000 and \$10,000 each – for Market Access A-Team, Stewardship A-Team, Consumer Engagement A-Team, Corn Productivity & Quality A-Team and Freedom to Operate A-Team.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding for sponsorship of the USGC meeting in Panama, February, 12-15, 2107 in the amount of \$5,000.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Tiemann*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of December, January, February, March and April.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Jan 14-21, 2017	USGC mtg	Japan & Korea	Tiemann
Jan 19-20,2017	Soil Health	Des Moines, IA	Borg & McAfee
Jan 21-28, 2017	USGC	Morocco	Hunnicutt
Jan 30-31, 2017	RFA Summit	Altoona, IA	Berry, Brunkhorst
Jan 30-Feb 3, 2017	NCGA A Teams	Savanah, GA	Borg, Merrell, Greer, Hunnicutt
Feb 4-12, 2017	4 State Team	Argentina	Bruntz, Scheer
Feb 6-9, 2017	NeCGA Leadership	WDC	Brunkhorst
Feb 10-16	USGC meeting	Panama	Tiemann, Scheer, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Greer,

			Merrell, Gengenbach, Brunkhorst
Feb 20-22, 2017	National Ethanol Conf	San Diego, CA	Gengenbach, Berry
Feb 24-25, 2017	PACE Show	Kansas City, MO	Berry
Feb 28-Mar 5, 2017	NCGA Commodity Classic	San Antonio, TX	Holzfastner, Gengenbach, Hunnicuttt, Borg, Merrell, Brunkhorst, McAfee, Schilling, Dir. of Communications
Feb 22-23, 2017	ACE Fly-In	WDC	Berry
April 2-7, 2017	USGC World Staff	Dublin, Ireland	Brunkhorst, Berry

*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 6:00 pm.

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

SUBMITTED BY,

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Dennis Gengenbach, Secretary/Treasurer

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Susan Zabel, Business Manager