



**Minutes of the meeting held March 16, 2017  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
1040 P 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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Boone McAfee  
Kurtis Harms  
Susan Zabel  
Nikki Bentzinger

**EX-OFFICIOS**

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

**VISITORS:**

Christine Barber, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture  
Jay Reiners, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Greg Hanes, US Meat Export Federation  
John Linder, National Corn Growers  
Emily Skillet, A-FAN  
Kristen Hassebrook, A-FAN  
Lindsey Erb, US Grains Council  
Morgan Wrich, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Steve Ebke, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Deb Gangwish, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.

**VISTORS:**

Josh Eggle, UNL Foundation  
Tiffany Heng Moss, UNL Foundation  
Christine Cooper, UNL  
Whitney Heuermann, UNL  
Shelby Riggs, UNL  
Hannah Settje, UNL  
Justin Zoucha, UNL  
Ryan Langemeier, UNL  
Colton Oney, UNL

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 as presented.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the December, January and February fiscal reports as presented.

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

**NCGA'S PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION**

- ▶ A motion was made to support the NCGA's President's recognition during Commodity Classic in the amount of \$3,000 from General Unobligated.

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the Ethanol Studies, NAYC, Farm Bureau Summit, Mexico Mission and Fire Relief funding requests.

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

**ETHANOL STUDIES**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Ethanol Studies project in the amount of \$10,000 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.*

## **NAYC BUS TOUR**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Agriculture Youth Council's bus tour project in the amount of \$3,000 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.*

## **FARM BUREAU SUMMIT**

A motion was made to fund the Farm Bureau Summit in the amount of \$5,000 out of General Unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Tiemann*

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

## **MEXICO MISSION**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund a Mexico mission and an additional NCGA / USGC Mexico trade mission, up to the amount of \$40,000 from the International Trade line item.

*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.*

## **FIRE RELIEF**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund Fire Relief Funds in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas in the amount of \$20,000 from General Unobligated. After further review of the NCB statutes and objectives of NCB it was determined that the fire relief efforts do not fit within the objectives and will not proceed with payment. Board and corn growers were encouraged to act individually.

*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.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- ▶ The Communications Committee moved to approve purchase of an ad in the College World Series press book in the amount of \$5,500 from Communications Unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Bruntz*

*Absent: Holzfaster*

*By a vote of 7 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

**CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of March, April, May, June and July.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
March 12-13, 2017	Nat'l Ag Genotyping	St. Louis, MO	McAfee
March 27-30, 2017	California Mission	California	Berry, Greer, Dahlgren, Mussack
March 27-28, 2017	Pro Exporter	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
April 1-6, 2017	USGC World Staff	Dublin, Ireland	Berry, Brunkhorst
April 4-6, 2017	Growth Energy Fly-in	Washington, DC	Holzfaster
May 1-4, 2017	NCGA All Staff mtg	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Berry, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger, Zabel
May 22-25, 2017	State Exec's Retreat	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May 24-26, 2017	USMEF mtg	Arlington, VA	Bruntz, Berry, Harms, Scheer
June 7-9, 2017	USGC mtg	Washington, DC - tentative	Tiemann
June 15-16, 2017	Ethanol mtg	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Berry
July 17-20, 2017	NCGA Corn Congress	Washington, DC	Brunkhorst, McAfee, Merrell, Borg, Greer, Hunnicutt, Harms, Holzfaster, Gengenbach
July 30-August 3, 2017	USGC meeting	Vancouver, WA	Hunnicutt, Greer, Merrell, Tiemann, Berry, Harms

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

**RECESS**

- ▶ A motion was made to recess the meeting until 8:30 am tomorrow.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

**Minutes of the meeting held March 17, 2017  
Research Proposal Presentations  
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, East Campus**

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Debbie Borg  
David Bruntz  
Dennis Gengenbach  
John Greer  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Tim Scheer  
Alan Tiemann

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jon Holzfaster

**VISITORS:**

Michael Boehm, UNL  
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA  
Paul Cernik, NeCGA  
Chuck Emanuel, NeCGA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Boone McAfee  
Kurtis Harms

After convening from the recess, the Board heard several presentations on proposed research and updates on current research projects.

**ADJOURN**

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm.  
*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