



**Minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2016
Embassy Suites
1040 P Street, Lincoln Nebraska**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 19, 2016 meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIOS

Mat Habrock, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture
Hector Santiago, UNL
Larry Mussack, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Boone McAfee
Emily Thornburg
Susan Zabel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Bruntz

VISITORS:

Dave Buchholz, David & Associates
Christine Barber, Nebr. Dept. of Agriculture
Dr. Mark Wilkens, UNL
Megan Grimes, Neb. Ethanol Board
Kelsey Scheer, Intern
Dr. Roger Elmore
Dr. Katja Koehler
Dr. Etsuko Moriyama

Al Junke, Neb. Pork Producers
Colton Flower, Intern
Morgan Schilling, Intern
Lauren Stohlmann, Intern
Laura Schabloske, Clairrant Partners
Dr. Paul Konnonoff
Dr. Ferguson
Dr. Hideaki Moriyama

CALL TO ORDER:

The NCB meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. 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 OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2016 meeting, as presented.

A voice vote was taken; 8 ayes by members present; motion carried.

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal reports for May, June and July, 2016 as presented.

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

BIENNIUM BUDGET

- ▶ A motion was made to set the Board's spending authority at 9.1 million for both FY 2017-18 and 2018-19. And the salary ceiling at \$440,000.00 for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and \$450,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018-19, with projected carryovers to be no more than 25% of total available cash during those time periods. These budget amounts take into consideration projected production variances and marketing trends, along with a growth in collection of corn delivered into Nebraska from other states.

Roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

NASCAR ACTIVATION

- ▶ A motion was made to sponsor the Spring 2016 KC NASCAR activation in the amount of \$5,000 paid from General Unobligated.

A roll call was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

NASDA

- ▶ A motion was made to sponsor the National Association of State Directors' of Agriculture conference to be held in Nebraska September 21 – 24, 2016 in the amount of \$3,000 from General Unobligated.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

► Officers for 2016-2017:

Chairman – David Merrell, elected to second term
Vice-Chairman & Sec/Treasurer officer positions tabled until November board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Communications Committee will be sponsoring the AgCeptional Women Conference held in Kearney in November in the amount of \$1,500 from the Communications Committee Unobligated with an additional \$300 earmarked for Social Media outreach to come from the D & A contract.
- Communications Committee will be sponsoring Jesse Harding (KRVN) in the amount of \$1,000 to attend and report from the USGC meeting in Panama in February 2017 from Communications Committee Unobligated.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- A motion was made out of the Government Relations Committee to help underwrite the cost of Nebraska Corn's joint mailing to all Nebraska corn farmers regarding EPA's proposed changes to Atrazine in the amount of \$15,000 from Government Relations Unobligated, payable to the Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A motion was made out of Committee to suspend the rules and consider the **Experience Exchange Strategy for Diversifying Row Crop Farms** proposal in the amount of \$25,000 from the Nebraska Pork Producers Association.

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

NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS

- A motion was made to fund the **Experience Exchange Strategy for Diversifying Row Crop Farms** proposal in the amount of \$25,000 from the Nebraska Pork Producers Association to be taken out of General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Market Development Committee to suspend the rules and consider the project entitled: **Clean Fuels Omaha, a component of the Little Steps Big Impact** program in the amount of \$20,000 from the Nebraska Ethanol Industry Coalition.

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

CLEAN FUELS OMAHA

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the **Clean Fuels Omaha, a component of the Little Steps Big Impact program** proposal in the amount of \$20,000 from the Nebraska Ethanol Industry Coalition to be taken out of General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Market Development Committee to suspend the rules and consider the project entitled: **Pathways for Accelerating the Transition to High Octane, Low Carbon Liquid Transportation Fuels** project in the amount of \$18,750.

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

AG-AUTO ETHANOL

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the project entitled: **Pathways for Accelerating the Transition to High Octane, Low Carbon Liquid Transportation Fuels** project in the amount of \$18,750 from the Ag-Auto-Ethanol Work Group to be taken from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

LEAD ALUMNI BANQUET

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules and consider becoming a sponsor of the LEAD Alumni Banquet on January 27th, part of the two-day alumni seminar entitled Agriculture: The Challenge of Change. As a sponsor, the board will be given the opportunity to address the attendees.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to sponsor the LEAD Alumni Banquet on January 27th, part of the two-day alumni seminar entitled Agriculture: The Challenge of Change in the amount of \$2,500 out of General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Absent: Bruntz

TRAVEL/CALENDAR

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the following travel/calendar:

Dates	Purpose	Location	Approved
Aug 29-31, 2016	Plant Phenotyping	Purdue, IL	McAfee
Aug 29-30, 2016	Triazine Network	WDC	Brunkhorst
Sep 14-17, 2016	USGC	Baltimore, MD	Tiemann
Sep 18-20, 2016	NCGA/Diversity Task Force	Indianapolis, IN	Borg
Oct 4-5, 2016	AAE Work Group	Southfield, MI	Berry
Oct 6-7, 2016	NCGA Livestock	St. Louis, MO	Berry
Oct 6-7, 2016	NCGA Corn Reputation	St. Louis, MO	Thornburg
Oct 11-13, 2016	State Staff Retreat	Michigan	Berry, McAfee
Oct 16, 2016	NASCAR Race	Kansas City, MO	All
Oct 18-20, 2016	NCGA State Execs Meeting	Amarillo, TX	Brunkhorst
Nov 2-4, 2016	USMEF	Carlsbad, CA	Bruntz, Scheer, Brunkhorst, Berry
Nov 6, 2016	NASCAR Race	Dallas, TX	Holzfastner, Borg, Merrell
Nov 15-17, 2016	Field to Market	Atlanta, GA	Borg, Hunnicutt, McAfee
Dec 3-11, 2016	Four State Market Development	Brazil	Berry
Dec 5-10, 2016	USGC	Cuba	Tiemann
Dec 8-9, 2016	Ag Chat	Kansas City, MO	Thornburg
Dec 13-15, 2016	NCGA Pres/Chair	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst
Dec 14-15, 2016	NCGA Action Team	St. Louis, MO	Merrell, Brunkhorst, Borg, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Greer, McAfee, Berry

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

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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

SUBMITTED BY,

Dennis Gengenbach, Vice Chairman

Susan Zabel, Business Manager

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