



**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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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



<b>Dates</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approved</b>
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	Holzfast, 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,



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Dennis Gengenbach, Acting Sec-Treasurer



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Susan Zabel, Business Manager