



**Minutes of the meeting held June 6, 2017
Ramada River's Edge
265 33rd Avenue, Columbus, 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, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture
Dan Wesley, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.
Archie Clutter, IANR-UNL

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Boone McAfee
Kurtis Harms
Susan Zabel

VISTORS:

Jay Reiners, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.
David Buchholz, David & Associates

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 amended.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the March, April and May fiscal reports as presented.

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

COST OF LIVING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the 1% cost of living increase for full-time classified and non-classified staff of the Nebraska Corn Board, effective July 1, 2017.

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.

PETITIONS

The board reviewed the petitions that were submitted for Districts #2 and #3. The board will take action on the Ag-Large vacancy at the upcoming August 25th meeting. All petitions have been verified with the respective FSA offices.

District #2: John Greer

District #3: Brandon Hunnicutt

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the petitions for Greer (District #2) and Hunnicutt (District #3) and forward them to the Governor's office.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell

Nay: None

Abstain: Greer, Hunnicutt

By a vote of 7 ayes, and 0 nays, motion carried.

RAISING NEBRASKA

- ▶ Since the goal amount was not attained, a motion was made to withdraw the challenge funds of \$100,000 that were designated as a line item in the FY 16-17 budget and return them to General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Scheer, Holzfaster, Gengenbach, Tiemann, Hunnicutt

Nay: Borg, Merrell, Bruntz, Greer

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

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ In line with a recommendation from the Market Development Committee, a motion was made to retain the funding for the Fueling Dispenser Infrastructure Program within NCGA.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

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

USGC PAST CHAIRMAN

- ▶ A motion was made to offer a Memorandum of Understanding to Tiemann for reimbursement of actual expenses to attend USGC meetings in his role as Past-Chairman until his officer duties are completed on September 30, 2017. Amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Tiemann did not seek re-appointment to his At-Large position.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Tiemann

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

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to allocate \$15,000 from research unobligated to fund the TAPS Program.

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.

NDA/CORN PROMOTION

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the request from the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture for corn promotion activities.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve a line item in the amount of \$25,000 in FY 17-18 budget for collaboration with the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture on corn promotion activities.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Gengenbach, Tiemann, Hunnicutt, Holzfaster

Nay: Bruntz, Greer, Scheer, Merrell, Borg

By a vote of 4 ayes and 5 nays, motion failed.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve a line item in the amount of \$50,000 in FY 17-18 budget for collaboration with the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture on value-added corn promotion activities.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: Tiemann

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

FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 BUDGET

The board discussed the revenue projection for FY 17/18 and agreed to set the corn fees revenue projection at \$7,706,000.00. This amount is based on 9.2 million acres being harvested at 175 bushels per acre with an additional \$300,000.00 expected in revenue from corn stocks.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the US Grains Council in the amount of \$818,500.

A roll call was taken:

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

Abstain: Tiemann

By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Corn Growers Association in the amount of \$366,000.00.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Borg, Tiemann Greer, Holzfaster, Gengenbach, Scheer, Bruntz

Abstain: Merrell, Hunnicutt

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the rest of the FY 17/18 budget as amended.

A roll call was taken:

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

By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel on the calendar for the months of June, July, August and September.

DATES	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
June 7-8, 2017	USGC	Mexico	Tiemann
June 12-13, 2017	Nat'l Ag Genotyping	Fargo, ND	McAfee
June 12-13, 2017	NCGA A Team	Sacramento, CA	Hunnicutt
June 14-15, 2017	NCGA Water Quality	Bloomington, IL	McAfee
June 15-16, 2017	NCGA Ethanol	Bloomington, IL	Berry
June 20-23,2017	NCGA Board	Amarillo, TX	Brunkhorst
June 20-22, 2017	Field to Market	Raleigh, NC	Borg, McAfee

June 20, 2017	St. Louis Fly-In	St. Louis	Hunnicut, Berry, Gengenbach
July 17-20, 2017	NCGA Corn Congress	WDC	Brunkhorst, McAfee, Merrell, Borg, Greer, Hunnicut, Harms, Holzfaster, Gengenbach, Berry
July 17, 2017	Ethanol Summit	WDC	Berry
July 29-Aug 3, 2017	USGC	Vancouver, WA	Tiemann, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Harms, Berry
August 12-19, 2017	Ukraine Mission	Ukraine	McAfee
September 1-8, 2017	USMEF Heartland	Japan	Reiners, Merrell
September 10-16, 2017	Governor's Trade Mission	Japan	Borg

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,

Dennis Gengenbach, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Zabel, Business Manager