



**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 Hasebrook, 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.

1ST 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.

DATES	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
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.

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Research Proposal Presentations
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, East Campus**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Merrell, Chairman
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,

Dennis Gengenbach, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Zabel, Business Manager