



**Minutes of the Meeting Held August 31, 2015
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 31, 2015 meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Merrell, Chairman
Alan Tiemann
Debbie Borg
John Greer
Dennis Gengenbach
David Bruntz
Jon Holzfast
Tim Scheer

EX-OFFICIO'S

Larry Mussack, NeCGA
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, NDA
Hector Santiago, UNL

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Emily Thornburg
Boone McAfee
Janet Miller
Susan Zabel

VISITORS:

Dave Buchholz, D&A
Governor Pete Ricketts
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA

Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA
Taylor Gage, Governor's Office
Rick Koelsh, UNL Extension

CALL TO ORDER:

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Tim Scheer, Chairman. Scheer 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 29-30, 2015 meeting, as amended.
A voice vote was taken; 8 ayes by members present; motion carried.

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal reports for June and July 2015.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- ▶ New officers for 2015-2016:
Chairman – David Merrell
Vice-Chairman – Dennis Gengenbach
Sec/Treasurer – David Bruntz

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss first-time funding request from Meat Industry International Stewardship Advisory Council (MISSAC).
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the MISSAC request in the amount of \$6,250, out of unobligated.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster
Not present: Hunnicutt
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried
- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss first-time funding request from Ag Consumer Communications Network.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Ag Consumer Communications Network request, in the amount of \$20,000, out of unobligated funds.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster
Not present: Hunnicutt
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried

SECOND-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the New Livestock Experience at Raising Nebraska, in the amount of \$100,000, out of general unobligated. This funding is contingent upon the ability of Raising Nebraska to raise \$400,000 by April 2016.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Holzfaster, Borg, Scheer, Bruntz, Gengenbach
Nay: Tiemann, Merrell
Not Present: Hunnicutt
By a vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Competitive GMO Game at the Raising Nebraska Building, in the amount of \$60,000, out of General Unobligated.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster
Nay: Tiemann
Not present: Hunnicutt
By a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the UNL Plant Science Symposium in the amount of \$2,000, out of research unobligated.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the UNL Project titled, "Evaluation of using distillers grains as a sole protein source and also whether putting oil back in diets (from ethanol plants) pays," in the amount of \$59,896, out of research unobligated.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Bruntz, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster
Not present: Hunnicutt
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried

TRAVEL/CALENDAR

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the following travel/calendar:
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
 - September 18, 2015 – NCGA CB Meeting, Approved: Holzfaster
 - September 28-29, 2015 – USGC St. Louis, Approved: Tiemann
 - October 6-8, 2015 – State Staff Retreat, Approved: all staff
 - October 18, 2015 – Kansas Speedway, Approved: all

- October 20-22, 2015 – State Executives Meeting, VA – Approved: Brunkhorst
- November 8, 2015 – Texas NASCAR Race, Approved: Holzfaster
- November 4-6, 2015 – USMEF Meeting, AZ – Appr: Scheer, Bruntz, Brunkhorst
- November 11-13, 2015 – USGC Meeting– Approved: Tiemann
- November 23-24, 2015 – NCB Meeting – Approved: all
- November 30- Dec 11, 2015 – USGC Africa Mission, Approved: Tiemann

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ▶ A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to return to normal business.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the increase of the Executive Director’s annual salary in the amount of \$7,500, retro-active to August 1, 2015.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

David Bruntz, Secretary/Treasurer

Janet Miller, Business Manager