



**Minutes of the Meeting Held November 23, 2015
Marriott Cornhusker, Lincoln, NE**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the November 23, 2015 meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO'S

Larry Mussack, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Boone McAfee
Janet Miller

VISITORS:

Dave Buchholz, D&A
Rick Koelsh, UNL
Vijay Singh, UNL Candidate

Deb Gangwish, NeCGA
Jay Ferris, NE Farm Bureau
Loren Isom, UNL

CALL TO ORDER:

The NCB meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.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 August 31, 2015 meeting, as amended.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal reports for August, September & October 2015.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Nebraska Family Farmers Program in the amount of \$10,000 for 2nd Tier funding and \$6,000 for the livestock video, out of communications unobligated.
*A roll call was taken:
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Hunnicutt
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to move the \$25,000 budgeted under the line item “Center for Ecology, Evolution and Management of Pesticide Resistance” be contributed to the Iowa Corn Promotion Board’s proposed NIFA research grant titled “Environmental Influence on Phenomics in Crop Improvement and Production”.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

FIRST & SECOND-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund Natural Resource Solutions (contract through NCGA) in the amount of \$25,000, out of general obligated.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the UNL STEM Program request in the amount of \$10,000, out of general unobligated.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to *not forward* the funding request from the Food Bank.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss the NE Cattlemen Steer Challenge and the Kristy Moore/IL project.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the NE Cattlemen's Steer Challenge in the amount of \$1,400, out of general unobligated funds.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund KMoore Consulting (contract through Illinois Corn) in the amount of \$8,000, out of general obligated.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; 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.
 - November 30, 2015 – Field to Market - Approved: Borg
 - December 1-10, 2015 – USGC Mission to Africa - Approved: Tiemann
 - December 2-4, 2015 – NE Cattlemen Conv, Kearney - Appr: Bruntz, Scheer
 - December 3, 2015 – NeCGA Annual Mtg - Approved: All
 - December 7-9, 2015 – Farm Bureau Conv - Appr: Borg, Scheer, Merrell
 - December 8-11, 2015 – NCGA A-team Mtgs – St. Louis -Appr: Borg, McAfee, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Gengenbach, Brunkhorst, Holzfaster
 - December 12-19, 2015 – USGC Mission (TTCK) - Appr: Berry
 - December 15-16, 2015 – NeCGA Leadership Training - Appr: All
 - December 15, 2015 – USGC @ Iowa Corn - Appr: Tiemann
 - January 7, 2016 – Fremont Corn Expo - Appr: McAfee
 - January 13-14, 2016 – NCGA Policy & Priority, St Louis - Appr: Gengenbach, Holzfaster, Merrell, Brunkhorst
 - January 28, 2016 – NeCGA & NCB Joint Meeting - Appr: All
 - January 29, 2016 – NCB Meeting - Appr: All
 - February 1-5, 2016 – NCGA Spring A-Team Mtgs - Appr: Borg, Gengenbach, Hunnicutt, Holzfaster
 - February 8-11, 2016 – NeCGA WDC Leadership - Appr: Hunnicutt
 - February 9-11, 2016 – World Ag Expo, Tulare, CA - Appr: TBA
 - February 15-17, 2016 – USGC in Sarasota - Appr: Tiemann, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Berry, Brunkhorst
 - February 15-17, 2016 – RFA Conference, Louisiana - Appr: Gengenbach, Berry
 - March 2-5, 2016 – Commodity Classic, Louisiana - Appr: Borg, Bruntz, Gengenbach, Holzfaster, Greer, Scheer, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Brunkhorst, McAfee, Thornburg, Miller, McAfee, Hamling

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OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Merrell allowed for open public discussion for growers to offer ideas and suggestions on board programs or policies. No topics or issues were brought before the board.

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

David Bruntz, Secretary/Treasurer

Janet Miller, Business Manager