



**Minutes of the Meeting Held April 5, 2016  
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the April 5, 2016 meeting:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EX-OFFICIO'S**

Larry Mussack, NeCGA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Boone McAfee  
Janet Miller  
Susan Zabel

**VISITORS:**

Dave Buchholz, D&A  
Scott Merritt, NeCGA  
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Todd Sneller, NEB

Willow Holoubek, AFAN  
Lyndsey Erb, USGC  
Kelsey Scheer, Coop. Intern  
Andrea Gurney, Coop. Intern

John Hinners, USMEF  
Colton Flower, Coop. Intern  
Steve Roth, NDA

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 January 28 & 29, 2016 meeting, as presented.

*A voice vote was taken; 9 ayes by members present; motion carried.*

### FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal reports for January & February 2016.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

### FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss the NAYI bus request.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the NAYI bus request in the amount of \$2,500 out of general unobligated.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss the Corn Board trailer wrap.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to proceed with wrapping a new American Ethanol message on the Corn Board trailer prior to the summer parades in the an amount up to \$6,000 out of general unobligated.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

### SECOND-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund Project #2 in the Urban Air Initiative in its entirety, not to exceed \$25,000 out of general unobligated.  
*A roll call was taken.*  
*Aye: Hunnicutt, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster*  
*Nay: Bruntz:*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried*
- ▶ The Market Development Committee moved to approve and fund Clean Fuels Omaha in the amount of \$20,000, out of general unobligated.  
*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Hunnicutt  
Not present: Borg  
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

#### NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to the Board policies and procedures as presented.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the cost of living increase for staff in the amount of 2.4% effective July 1, 2016.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

#### RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- ▶ The Research Committee moved to begin funding the project Xanthomonas Bacterial Disease of Corn in Nebraska Fields at \$7,016 out of the current year's research unobligated budget prior to July 1.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

#### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- ▶ A Government Affairs Committee moved to approve the use of the balance of the committee unobligated funds for issue specific flyins from Nebraska and smaller states, and assist with Corn Congress speaker and Hill visits in the amount up to \$25,000.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

#### MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund up to \$20,000 from Market Development Committee's line item Direct Mailers to FFV Owners to be used for the Kum & Go promotions.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the fuel dispenser infrastructure project in the amount of \$240,000 from Market Development's line item Domestic Ethanol Program.

*Aye: Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 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.*

April 6-8, 2016 NCGA Operation Taskforce, St. Louis. – Approved: Hunnicutt  
April 28-29, 2016 Ethanol Forum, Omaha – Approved: Berry & Gengenbach  
May 14-21, 2016 USMEF/NDA Mission to Italy/Germany – Approved: Borg, Merrell,  
May 24, 2016 MISSAC/USMEF meeting, St. Louis – Approved: Bruntz  
May 23-26, 2016 State Exec’s Retreat, Kentucky – Approved: Brunkhorst  
May 25-27, 2016 USMEF BOD meeting, St. Louis – Approved: Scheer, Bruntz, Berry,  
Brunkhorst  
June 1, 2016 NCB meeting, York – Approved: all  
June 6-7, 2016 NCGA Trade School, WDC – Approved: Thornburg, Brunkhorst, Borg, Reiners,  
Gangwish  
June 6-8, 2016 CUTC – Approved: McAfee  
June 8-10. 2016 USGC BOD meeting, WDC – Approved: Tiemann  
June 14 -18, 2016 NCGA meetings, WDC – Approved: Holzfaster  
July 18-21, 2016 NCGA Corn Congress, WDC – Approved: Tiemann, Gengenbach, Borg,  
Holzfaster, Merrell, Hunnicutt, Brunkhorst, McAfee, Berry,  
July 25-27, 2016 USGC Meeting, Louisville, KY – Approved: Tiemann, Bruntz, Brunkhorst, Berry

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

SUBMITTED BY,

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David Bruntz, Secretary/Treasurer

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Susan Zabel, Business Manager