



**Minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2017  
Embassy Suites  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Boone McAfee  
Kurtis Harms  
Susan Zabel

**EX- OFFICIO - NOT PRESENT:**

Hector Santiago, IANR-UNL

**EX-OFFICIOS**

Mat Habrock, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture  
Dan Wesley, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.

**VISTORS:**

David Buchholz, David & Associates  
Phil Kozera, BIO Nebraska  
Laura Schabloske, Clairrant Partners  
Galen Erickson, UNL  
Emie Yiannaka, UNL  
Katie Bathke, Allen  
David Schuler, Intern  
Jacy Spencer, Intern  
Bob Storant Dept. of Agriculture  
Chris Barber, Dept. of Agriculture  
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA  
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Mark Wilkins, UNL  
Ann Bruntz, Friend

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 from the June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer  
Holzfaster, not present*

*Nay: None*

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the June and July, 2017 fiscal reports as presented.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Borg, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Gengenbach, Scheer, Greer  
Holzfaster, not present*

*Nay: None*

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

### **ELECTION OF AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve Jay Reiners to fill the Nebraska Corn Board's At-Large Director position.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers were elected for FY 2017-18 by secret ballot:

Chairman – David Merrell

Vice-Chairman – David Bruntz

Secretary Treasurer – Debbie Borg

### **PRAIRIE LOFT**

- ▶ A motion was made to add \$5,000 from general unobligated to the Prairie Loft line item in the In-State Projects for a total of \$10,000.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ▶ A motion was made to apply the \$6,942.44 reimbursement from Green Plains (co-sponsor of Frog Fest) to offset their share of Frog Fest promotional items.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

### **FIRST TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made not to advance the Nebraska High School and College Rodeo proposal to second time funding.

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

- ▶ A motion was made suspend the rules and consider to Growth Energy RVP proposal.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Growth Energy RVP proposal in the amount of \$50,000, from General Unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

### **MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

- ▶ A motion was on behalf of the Market Development Committee to fund the USGC proposal in the amount of \$200,000 from the Cooperator Market Development Projects line item in the Market Development Committee budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

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

**CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel on the calendar for the months of August, September, October, November, December and January.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
August 17-18, 2017	PRX Summer Seminar	Kansas City, MO	Berry
September 2-8, 2017	USMEF Heartland Mission	Japan	Merrell, Reiners
September 7-8, 2017	NCGA Orientation	St. Louis, MO	Harms
September 10-16, 2017	Governor's Trade Mission	Japan	Borg
September 12-13, 2017	Nat. Ag Genotyping Center Board	St. Louis, MO	McAfee
September 14-15, 2017	NCGA Board of Directors	St. Louis, MO	Hunnicut
September 25-26, 2017	EDF Nitrogen Workshop	WDC	McAfee
October 4-6, 2017	NCGA Communications Summit	Denver, CO	Harms
October 9-11, 2017	NCGA State Staff Retreat	Kentucky	Berry
October 12-13, 2017	AAE Annual meeting	Detroit, MI	Berry
October 12, 2017	NCGA Soil Health Partnership	St. Louis	McAfee
October 17-20, 2017	USGC Ethanol Summit	Houston, TX	Brunkhorst, Berry
October 24-26, 2017	St. Exec's Meeting	Estes Park, CO	Brunkhorst
November 1-3, 2017	USMEF	Tucson, AZ	Brunkhorst, Bruntz, Borg
November 3-5, 2017	Texas Motor Speedway	Dallas, TX	Gengenbach, NeCGA Grower-TBD
November 8-10, 2017	Waterways Council	Mobil, AL	Brunkhorst
November 8-9, 2017	NCGA Ethanol Summit	St. Louis, MO	Berry
November 14-16, 2017	Field to Market	Kansas City, MO	McAfee
November 17, 2017	Ag-Ceptional Women	Norfolk, NE	Harms
December 12-15, 2017	NCGA President & A-Team meetings	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Hunnicutt, Merrell

December 12-14, 2017	USAPEEC meeting	WDC	TBD
January 18-19, 2018	Soil Health Summit	Chicago, IL	McAfee
January 19-29, 2018	4 State Mission	South Africa	Greer, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Wrich

*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,




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Deborah Borg, Secretary/Treasurer




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Susan Zabel, Business Manager