



Minutes of the meeting held August 15-16, 2018
Bayside
865 Lakeview West Road
Brule, Nebraska

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Merrell, Chairman
Debbie Borg
David Bruntz
Jon Holzfaster
Brandon Hunnicutt
Jay Reiners
Tim Scheer
Ted Schrock
John Greer

EX-OFFICIO ABSENT

Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR
Steve Wellman, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Dan Wesely, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Roger Berry
Kurtis Harms
Boone McAfee
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA

VISITORS:

Andrew Groskopf
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Andy Jobman, NeCGA
Deb Gangwish, NeCGA
Chris Grams, NeCGA
Eric Kamler, NeCGA
Carl Sousek, NeCGA
Paul Cernik, NeCGA
Dan Nerud, NeCGA
Dave Dahlgren, NeCGA
Larry Mussack, NeCGA
Tom Nathan, NeCGA
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Guy Mills, NeCGA
Rick Gruber, NeCGA
Joel Grams, NeCGA
Brian Brown, NeCGA
Paul Gangwish

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 15-16, 2018 meeting:

CALL TO ORDER:

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 8, 2018 meeting as presented.

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

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the June and July, 2018 fiscal reports as presented.

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

PETITION

The board reviewed the petition that was submitted for District #8. This petition has been verified with the respective FSA offices.

District #8: Andrew Groskopf

- ▶ A motion was made to forward the petition for District #8 to the Governor's office for his appointment as the applicant has met the qualifications.

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

BIENNIUM BUDGET FY19/20 and 20/21:

- ▶ A motion was made to request \$9.9 million in spending authority and PSL in the amount of \$465,000 for FY 19/20 and \$475,000 for FY 20/21.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer, Schrock, Merrell, Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Borg

Nay: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- ▶ A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:21 am.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to return to normal business at 8:33 am.

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

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE:

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the cost of living increase of 1.5% for the staff assistant and business manager positions, effective July 1, 2018.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Borg, Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer, Schrock, Merrell, Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners

Nay: None

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

RECOGNITION OF STAFF:

- ▶ A motion was made to recognize the numerous efforts made by the NCB staff benefiting the corn industry and the state of Nebraska.

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

BIO NEBRASKA:

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the funding request from BioNebraska.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the request from Bio Nebraska in the amount of \$60,000 with objectives set by the Research & Stewardship Committee from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Schrock, Merrell, Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer

Nay: None

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

FARM CREDIT AGINNOVATION PITCH:

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the funding request from Farm Credit Services.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the request from Farm Credit Services for the Ag Innovation Pitch in the amount of \$5,000 from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Hunnicutt, Reiners, Borg, Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer, Schrock, Merrell, Greer

Nay: None

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

USGC:

- ▶ A motion was made to move \$25,000 from General Unobligated to the USGC line item.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Hunnicutt, Reiners, Borg, Schrock, Merrell, Greer, Bruntz, Holzfaster, Scheer

Nay: None

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

BLENDER PUMP PROGRAM:

- ▶ A motion was made to transfer the IBT funds in the amount of \$300,000 to Grant A within the Blender Pump line item within the Market Development Committee.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Borg, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Schrock, Reiners, Scheer, Bruntz, Hunnicutt

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- ▶ A motion was made on behalf of the of the Market Development Committee to support the Impact of Increasing Gasoline Octane and Petroleum Refining project from Illinois Corn in the amount of \$15,000 from Market Development Unobligated.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Scheer, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Borg, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Schrock, Reiners,

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

- ▶ A committee approved motion to fund Kentucky Crappie Masters in the amount of \$2,500 from MD Unobligated was reported.

RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

- ▶ A motion was made on behalf of the of the Research and Stewardship Committee to support NCGA’s Land Use Change & In-Field Buffer research project up to \$20,000 out of the Research & Stewardship Committee’s unobligated funds.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Schrock, Reiners, Scheer, Bruntz, Hunnicutt, Borg

Nay: None

By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 2018.

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
August	3-11	2018	USGC GEM	Malaysia	Greer
August	20-24	2018	Governor’s Mktg Mission	Mexico	Borg, Hunnicutt
August	22-23	2018	NCGA Water Quality	Putin, Ohio	McAfee

August	23-24	2018	ProExporter	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
Aug-Sep	25-6	2018	4-State Mktg Mission	China	Berry, Reiners, Merrell
August	27-30	2018	Texas Mission	Amarillo, Texas	Dibbern, Dahlgren, McAfee
September	2-8	2018	USMEF Heartland Tour	Japan	Harms, Mussack
September	10-11	2018	NAGC Board	STL	McAfee
September	9-11	2018	Midwest Japan Trade	Omaha	Borg, Brunkhorst
September	13-14	2018	NCGA BOD	STL	Hunnicut
October	8-11	2018	NCGA Staff Retreat	Manhattan, KS	Berry
October	16-17	2018	NCGA AAE Working Group	Detroit, MI	Berry
October	17-19	2018	NCGA Communicator's Summit	Minneapolis, MN	Harms
October	22-24	2018	Export Exchange	Minneapolis, MN	Greer
October	23-25	2018	State Execs	Minnesota	Brunkhorst
November	2-5	2018	Texas Motor Speedway	Dallas, TX	Merrell, Bruntz
November	6-8	2018	USMEF	Long Beach, CA	Bruntz, Brunkhorst
November	13-15	2018	Field to Market	Denver, CO	McAfee, Borg
November	13-14	2018	NCGA A Team/Committee Leaders	STL	Hunnicut
November	14-16	2018	WCI	Chicago, IL	Brunkhorst
December	8-16	2018	4 State Mission	Paraguay	Reiners, Harms
December	10-14	2018	NCGA Presidents A-Team	STL	Brunkhorst

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Officers were elected for FY 2018-19 by secret ballot:

Chairman – David Bruntz
Vice-Chairman – Brandon Hunnicutt
Secretary Treasurer – Debbie Borg

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

The awards to outgoing board members were presented during working dinner.

RECESS:

- ▶ A motion was made to recess the meeting until 8:00 am tomorrow.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

RECONVENE:

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 am, August 16, 2018

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on Thursday, August 16 at 1:00 pm.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

Deborah Borg, Secretary/Treasurer

Susan Zabel, Business Manager