



**Minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2018  
University of Nebraska – Lincoln East Campus**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Merrell, Chairman  
Debbie Borg  
David Bruntz  
Jon Holzfaster  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Jay Reiners  
Tim Scheer  
Dennis Gengenbach

Dan Wesely, NeCGA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Kurtis Harms

**VISTORS:**

Gregory Whitmore, NeCGA  
David Jones, UNL  
Richard Fergeson, UNL  
Clinton Krehbiel, UNL

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Greer

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm 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.

The Board heard research presentations and updates on current research projects. No formal decisions were made during the March 19, 2018 meeting:

**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.*

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**

The annual Corn Board's awards were presented during the dinner.



**Minutes of the meeting held March 20, 2018  
Cornhusker Hotel  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the March 20, 2018 meeting:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Merrell, Chairman  
Debbie Borg  
David Bruntz  
Dennis Gengenbach  
John Greer  
Jon Holzfaster  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Jay Reiners

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Tim Scheer

**EX-OFFICIOS**

Mat Habrock, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture  
Dan Wesely, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Roger Berry  
Kurtis Harms  
Susan Zabel

**VISTORS:**

Russ Weathers, AFA  
Kate Likens, AFA  
David Buchholz, David & Associates  
Chris Novak, National Corn Growers  
Kristen Hasebrook, A-FAN  
Lyndsey Erb, US Grains Council  
Maria Murphy, US Grains Council  
Morgan Wrich, Neb. Corn Growers Assn.  
Christine Barber, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture  
John Hinnens, US Meat Export Federation  
Steve Ebke, NeCGA  
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA

**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 February 16, 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 February, 2018 fiscal report as presented.

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

## MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- ▶ The Market Development Committee moved to approve funding in the amount of \$242,700 in the following manner: \$50,000 for USMEF China Trade Teams, \$50,000 to NCGA Ethanol A-Team to be used at their discretion, \$142,700 for NCGA Feed, Food Industrial Uses A-Team to be used at their discretion, however we recommend it be utilized for Consider Corn Challenge and Livestock outreach. Funding should be from the following MD Committee line items: Cooperator MD-\$195,000; AAE Working Group-\$20,000; Multi-State Ethanol Promotions-\$5,000; Maturing Markets Program - \$22,700.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Scheer*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

## CALENDAR/TRAVEL

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, 2018.

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
March	24	2018	American Chopper	Garnett, KS	Berry
March	26-27	2018	Pro Exporter	Kansas City, MO	Berry
April	2-3	2018	USFRA	Kansas City, MO	Harms
April	10-11	2018	USGC Industry Partners	WDC	Brunkhorst, Berry
April	13-14	2018	Triazine Network	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
April	19-21	2018	Front Range Ethanol	Colorado Springs, CO	Holzfaster
April 30	May 2	2018	NCGA State Staff	STL	All staff
May	21-24	2018	State Execs meeting	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May	21-23	2018	USGC Ethanol Summit of Asia	Minneapolis, MN	Berry
May	29	2018	MISAAC	Dallas, TX	Bruntz
May 30	June 1	2018	USMEF	Dallas, TX	Brunkhorst, Bruntz, Scheer, Berry
June	4-6	2018	CUTC	STL	

June	4-7	2018	TX MD Mission	Texas	Berry, Merrell
June	19-21	2018	NCGA BOD meeting	Fargo, ND	Hunnicut
June	28-30	2018	International Trade	Chicago, IL	Brunkhorst
July	16-19	2018	NCGA Corn Congress	WDC	Brunkhorst, Borg, Holzfaster, Merrell, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Harms, McAfee, Berry
July 30	Aug 1	2018	USGC meeting	Denver, CO	Brunkhorst, Bruntz, Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Merrell
August	4-8	2018	Ag Media Summit	Phoenix, AZ	Harms

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Merrell provided the opportunity for public discussion.

**ADJOURN**

Since there was no further business before the Board, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

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Deborah Borg, Secretary/Treasurer

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Susan Zabel, Business Manager