



**Minutes of the meeting held August 13-15, 2019**  
**Younes Conference Center**  
**416 W Talmadge Rd**  
**Kearney, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Bruntz, Chairman  
Debbie Borg  
David Merrell  
Andy Groskopf  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Jay Reiners  
Ted Schrock  
John Greer  
Adam Grabenstein

**EX-OFFICIO ABSENT**

Steve Wellman, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Dan Nerud, NeCGA  
Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jeff Wilkerson  
Kurtis Harms  
Boone McAfee  
Nikki Bentzinger

**VISITORS:**

Steve Ebke, NeCGA  
Tim Scheer  
Mark Jagels, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture  
Kourtney Emanuel, BCom Solutions  
Brent Comstalk, BCom Solutions  
Neal Mattox, BCom Solutions

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 13-15, 2019 meeting:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by David Bruntz, chairman. Bruntz 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the August 13-15, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

**PETITION**

- ▶ A motion was made to accept the petition of Adam Grabenstein to Corn Board District #5

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

#### **MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$200,000 to Casey's for E15 pumps from Grant B within Market Development.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Greer, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

#### **FARMER OF THE FUTURE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the funding for Farmer of the Future for \$2,500 from General Unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Greer*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

#### **USGC INTERNSHIP**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund an additional USGC internship for 1 year or 2 six month term internships. The funding amount is \$40,000 and would be taken out of General Unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Greer, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Bruntz*

*Nay: Merrell*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried*

#### **CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of September, October, November and December, 2019.

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
September	1-7	2019	USMEF Heartland Tour	Japan	Schrock
September	3-10	2019	Governor's Trade Mission	Vietnam & Japan	Groskopf

September	3-4	2019	Country Mark Refinery Event	Mount Vernon, IN	Wilkerson
September	13-14	2019	NCGA BOD	STL	Hunnicut
September	9-11	2019	NCGA Water Quality Working Group	Denver, CO	McAfee
September	11-13	2019	NCGA Board Meeting	STL	Hunnicut
September	16-18	2019	WDC Fly-In	WDC	Brunkhorst
September	16-17	2019	NAGC	STL	McAfee
September	27	2019	Bayer Tour & Roundtable	Chesterfield, MO	Hunnicut
October	1-3	2019	Communications Summit	Austin, TX	Harms
October	9-10	2019	Field to Market Board Retreat	Upperville, Virginia	Hunnicut
October	13-15	2019	Global Ethanol Summit	WDC	Wilkerson
October	21-24	2019	State Staff Retreat	Deerwood, MN	Wilkerson
October	29-31	2019	State Execs Meeting	Indianapolis, IN	Brunkhorst
November	5-6	2019	Ag Auto Ethanol	Detroit, MI	Wilkerson
November	6-8	2019	USMEF Strategic Planning Conference	Tucson, AZ	Bruntz, Grabenstein
November	6-8	2019	WCI	Pittsburg, PA	Brunkhorst
November	9-16	2019	Governor's Trade Mission	Germany	Reiners
November	19-21	2019	Field to Market	Indiana	McAfee, Hunnicutt, Borg
November-December	30-6	2019	NDA Indonesia Mission	Indonesia	Greer, Hunnicutt
December	9-11	2019	USAPEEC	WDC	Borg
December	10-11	2019	NCGA Leadership Symposium	STL	Brunkhorst, Bruntz
December	10-13	2019	NCGA Board Meeting	STL	Hunnicut

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

#### **MINUTES**

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 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, 2019 fiscal reports as presented.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- ▶ A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 2:50 pm.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to return to normal business at 3:01 pm.

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

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Officers were elected for FY 2019-20 by secret ballot:

Chairman – David Bruntz

Vice-Chairman – Brandon Hunnicutt

Secretary Treasurer – Jay Reiners

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

#### **RECESS**

- ▶ A motion was made to recess the meeting until 7:30 am, August 14.

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

#### **RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 am, August 14, 2019

#### **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, August 15.

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

#### **RECONVENE**

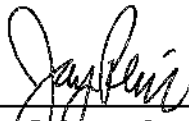
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**ADJOURN**

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on Thursday, August 15 at 1:00 pm.

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

SUBMITTED BY,

  
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Jay Reiners, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Nikki Bentzinger, Business Manager