



**Minutes of the meeting held November 25, 2019
Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, Nebraska**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Jeff Wilkerson
Boone McAfee
Kurtis Harms
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA
Morgan Leefers, NeCGA

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Dan Nerud, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.

VISTORS:

Brian Brown, NeCGA
Rick Gruber, NeCGA
Andy Jobman, NeCGA
Michael Dibbern, NeCGA
Boyd Stuhr, NeCGA
Dave Dahlgren, NeCGA
Larry Mussack, NeCGA
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Dan Wesely, NeCGA
Daren Niemeyer, NeCGA
Tom Nathan, NeCGA
Eric Kamler, NeCGA
Paul Cernik, NeCGA
Chris Grams, NeCGA
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA
Carl Sousek, NeCGA

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed until November 26, 2019



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Nikki Bentzinger

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am 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 November 25-26, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

EX- OFFICIOS PRESENT

Hector Santiago, IANR – UNL
Dan Nerud, NeCGA
Mark Jagels, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture

GUESTS

David Jones, UNL Dept. of Biological Systems
Brent Comstock, BCOM
Kourtney Emanuel, BCOM
Neal Mattox, BCOM
Dan Hoffman, Nebraska Combine
Matt Foley, Nebraska Combine
Jamie Lyn, IMG
Steve Ebke, NeCGA

MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Market Development Committee to approve blender pump incentive grants in the amount of \$50,000 each to Ampride, Lexington, NE, CPI, Hildreth, NE, FCA, Ravenna, NE, Kwik Stop #3, North Platte, NE, Kwik Stop #4, North Platte, NE, Kwik Stop #15, Kearney, NE, Kwik Stop #23, Mullen, NE, and Kwik Stop #25, Brule, NE to be taken out of Blender Pump In-State, Grant A.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Communications Committee to approve Sponsorship of the Midlands International Auto Show to be taken out of Communications Unobligated in the amount of \$12,400.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

RESEARCH & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Research & Stewardship Committee to fund the proposed research project "Integrated management of herbicide resistant palmer amaranth in corn" for \$56,428. This will come from the "Xanthomonas detection assay" line item in the research budget.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Research & Stewardship Committee to contribute \$25,000 to reprint the Nebraska Soybean and Corn Pocket Field Guide. \$15,602 will come from the “Xanthomonas detection assay” line item in the research budget and \$9,398 will come from research unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Groskopf, merrell, Greer, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Bruntz

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

- ▶ The Research & Stewardship Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$2,500 out of Research Unobligated for the Sponsorship for the NCGA’s Corn Utilization and Technology Conference that will be held in St. Louis, MO in June 2020.
- ▶ The Research & Stewardship Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$3,750 out of Research Unobligated for lunch for the co-sponsorship for the Midwest Cover Crops Council Conference held in Kansas City in February 2020. The Nebraska Soybean Board is sponsoring the other half.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Executive committee to approve the sponsorship of the Farm Credit Services Ag Innovation Competition in the amount of \$5,000 from General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Executive committee to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for radio spots regarding RFS comment period out of Government Relations Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

- ▶ A motion was made out of the Executive committee to approve up to \$5,750 for Center for Food Integrity to present at the AFAN meeting out of General Unobligated.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Borg

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

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- ▶ The Government Relations Committee reported to the full board the approval of \$10,000 from Government Relations unobligated to partner with other states, led by Illinois Corn, a program to review future low carbon octane legislation.

NCGA PORTFOLION ALLOCATION

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the NCGA portfolio allocation with the following breakdown:
 - Market Development –
 - \$90,000
 - Ethanol –
 - \$90,000
 - Stewardship –
 - \$90,000
 - Member & Consumer Engagement –
 - \$90,000
 - Risk Management & Transport –
 - \$90,000
 - Sustainable Ag Research –
 - \$90,000
 - Production Technology –
 - \$63,000

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Grabenstein, Groskopf, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Reiners, Greer

Nay: None

Abstain: Hunnicutt

Not Present: Borg

By a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

POLICY UPDATES

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the updated Corn Board Policies.

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

MINUTES

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

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

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the August, September and October, 2019 fiscal reports as presented.

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

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

| Month | Dates | Year | PURPOSE | LOCATION | APPROVED |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| November-December | 30-6 | 2019 | NDA Indonesia Mission | Indonesia | Hunnicutt |
| December | 9-11 | 2019 | USAPEEC | WDC | Borg |
| December | 10-13 | 2019 | NCGA Board Meeting | St. Louis, MO | Hunnicutt |
| December | 9-11 | 2019 | NCGA Leadership Symposium | St. Louis, MO | Brunkhorst, Bruntz |
| January | 6-12 | 2020 | USGC Mission Trip | Taiwan | Reiners |
| January | 13-15 | 2020 | NCGA Action Team Meetings | St. Louis, MO | Borg, Merrell, Hunnicutt, Brunkhorst, Harms, Wilkerson |
| January | 18-25 | 2020 | USGC Trip | Japan | Greer |
| January | 26-28 | 2020 | Field to Market | WDC | Hunnicutt |
| January | 29-31 | 2020 | NCGA Board Retreat | Chicago, IL | Hunnicutt |
| February | 10-12 | 2020 | National Ethanol Conference | Houston, TX | Wilkerson |

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|--------------------|-------|------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| February | 12-14 | 2020 | USGC Meeting | Tampa, FL | Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Brunkhorst Harms |
| February | 17-20 | 2020 | USGC Trade School | Olathe, KS | Groskopf, Schrock, Wilkerson, Brunkhorst |
| February/ March | 25-1 | 2020 | NCGA Commodity Classic | San Antonio, TX | Brunkhorst, Harms, Wilkerson, Gerlach, Bruntz, Greer, Grabenstein, Borg, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Schrock, Merrell, Groskopf |
| March | 9-12 | 2020 | NeCGA DC Leadership | WDC | Brunkhorst, Merrell, Grabenstein |
| March | 17-20 | 2020 | NCGA Corn Board & Agri-Industry Mtg | WDC | Hunnicutt |
| April | 1-9 | 2020 | USGC State Executives Mission | Peru & Chile | Brunkhorst |

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel listed on the spreadsheet for the months of December, 2019 and January, February, March and April in 2020.

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

AWARDS

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Ag Achievement Award to NE Extension, NE Cattleman and NE Farm Bureau.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Agribusiness Award to Aurora Co-op.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Ethanol Award to Todd Sneller.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Livestock Award to Lincoln Premium Poultry.

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Media Award to Rural Radio Network.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

ADJOURN

- ▶ Finding no further business before the board, Chairman Bruntz adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

Jay Reiners, Secretary/Treasurer

Nikki Bentzinger, Business Manager