



**Minutes of the meeting held June 10-11, 2020**  
**Holthus Convention Center**  
**3130 Holen Ave**  
**York, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EX-OFFICIO NOT PRESENT:**

Hector Santiago  
Steve Wellman, NE Dept. Of Agriculture

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Kurtis Harms  
Boone McAfee  
Nikki Bentzinger  
Jeff Wilkerson

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:**

Dan Nerud, NeCGA

**VISTORS:**

Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Dakota Lovett, USMEF Intern

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the June 10-11, 2020 meeting:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 10:00 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.

The Board heard research presentations and updates on current research projects. The Board also heard cooperator presentations and updates on funds spent through the year.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the June 10-11, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

## **NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding to Northeast Community College for \$100,000 to be taken out of General Unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

## **MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the reallocation of \$15,000 from Blender Pump Incentive In-State to Missouri Corn for E25 Testing at Oak Ridge National Lab.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ The Market Development Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$2,000 out of Market Development Unobligated for Nebraska Ethanol Board's Emerging Issues Forum.

## **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$8,200 out of Communications Unobligated for professional corn photos by Laura Lundeen Oswald with In Laura's Lens.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund IMG/Husker Sports volleyball signage for FY 20/21 for the amount of \$30,000 to be included in the IMG/Husker Sports Communications line item for a total of \$95,211.

*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.*

- ▶ A motion was made to reallocate \$66,000 from the CornsTalk line item in Communications budget to Hearst Media.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to reallocate \$15,000 from Lincoln Marathon line item in the Communications budget to Radio Advertising for Renewable Fuels month Radio Buys.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

## **SUSPEND RULES**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss 1<sup>st</sup> time funding.

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

## **FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET**

The board discussed the revenue projection for FY 20/21 and agreed to set the corn fees revenue projection at \$8,444,772. This amount is based on 10.199 million acres being harvested at 180 bushels per acre. Additionally, the board added \$400,000 in additional revenue from on-farm stocks.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF) in the amount of \$706,500.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Bruntz*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to to fund the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) in the amount of \$1,499,000.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Hunnicutt*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) in the amount of \$377,000.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Merrell*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the FY 20/21 budget.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

### **COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE:**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the cost of living increase of 2.3% for the current Nebraska Corn Board staff, effective July 1, 2020.

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

### **MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

### **FISCAL REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the January, February, March, April and May 2020 fiscal reports as presented.

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

### **PETITIONS**

The board reviewed the petitions that was submitted for District #2 and At-Large. All petitions have been verified with the respective FSA offices.

District #2: John Greer

At-Large: Jason (Jay) Reiners

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and accept John Greers petition for District #2 and forward to the Governor's office for their appointment as all have met the qualifications.

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

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

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

- ▶ A motion was made to re-open District #3 for 30 days

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

**CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of June, July, August and September, 2020.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
June	17-18	2020	NCGA Corn Board Meeting	Virtual	Hunnicut
June	23-25	2020	Field to Market	Virtual	McAfee, Hunnicutt
July	8-15	2020	NCGA Corn Congress	Virtual	Borg, Merrell, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Bruntz, Greer, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Brunkhorst, Harms, McAfee, Wilkerson,
July	22-23	2020	Virtual DC Fly-In	Virtual	Borg, Greer
July	27-29	2020	USGC Meeting	Virtual	Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson
September	9-10	2020	High Octane Summit	Indianapolis, IN	Wilkerson
September	9-10	2020	Field to Market	WDC	Hunnicut
September	16-18	2020	NCGA Board Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Hunnicut
October	5-9	2020	Board of Directors Meeting	Colorado	Hunnicut
October	27-29	2020	State Execs Meeting	Missouri	Brunkhorst

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

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

**ADJOURN**

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 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