



Minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2020  
Younes Conference Center  
416 Talmadge Rd  
Kearney, Nebraska 68845

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

John Greer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jeff Wilkerson  
Boone McAfee  
Kurtis Harms  
Nikki Bentzinger

**EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT**

Dan Nerud, Nebraska Corn Growers Assn.  
Mark Jagels, Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture  
Mark Wilkins, IANR-UNL

**VISTORS**

Tim Scheer  
Kourtney Emanuel, BCOM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 January 21, 2020 Meeting agenda.

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

## **FIRST TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider the NeCGA Trade School

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

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the NeCGA Trade School for the total amount of up to \$7,000 with funding to be taken out of General Unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

## **SECOND TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund IMG/Husker Sports for FY 20/21 for the total amount of \$65,211.00 as a line item in Communications.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to sponsor The Combine for three years for the amount of \$25,000 with funding to be taken out of General Unobligated

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation: Agriculture and Your Community Conference for the amount of up to \$21,297. This will come from the "Ag Education Programming" line item in the communications budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

- ② A motion was made to fund the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation: Learn, Then Do: A Phenomenon-Based Field Experience in the amount of \$15,000. This will come from the "Ag Education Programming" line item in the communications budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

- ② A motion was made to fund the UNL: Nebraska Soil Summer Institute for Teachers in the amount of \$44,710. This will come from the "Ag Education Programming" line item in the communications budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

- ② The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$2,750 out of Communications Unobligated for the Silver Sponsorship with UNL's Women in Ag Conference in Kearney February 20-21, 2020
- ② The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$5,500 out of Communications Unobligated for a full-page advertisement in the College World Series program book focused on Unleaded88.
- ② The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$5,500 out of Communications Unobligated for a 1/2 page advertisement with the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in March focused on Unleaded88.

## SIX-MONTH BUDGET REVIEW

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the updated six-month budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

## E15 TESTING IN CALIFORNIA

- ▣ A motion was made to give the Executive Committee the authority to spend up to \$100,000 out of general unobligated for E15 Testing in California.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Greer*

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

## CALENDAR/TRAVEL

Month	Dates	Year	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
January	18-25	2020	USGC GEM Mission	Japan	Greer
January	22-23	2020	NY Corn Presentation	New York, NY	Hunnicutt
January	26-28	2020	Field to Market	Washington, DC	Hunnicutt
January	27-31	2020	Education Roundtable	Kansas City, MO	Harms
January	27-29	2020	Leadership at its Best	WDC	Reiners, Merrell
January	29-31	2020	NCGA Corn Board Retreat	Chicago, IL	Hunnicutt
February	10	2020	Education Roundtable	Kansas City, MO	Harms

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 25-26, 2019 meeting.

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

#### **FISCAL REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the November and December 2019 fiscal reports as presented.

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

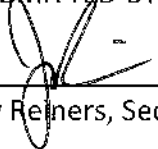
#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

- ▶ Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion

#### **ADJOURN**

- ▶ Finding no further business before the Board, the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

  
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Jay Reiners, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Nikki Bentzinger, Business Manager

February	10-12	2020	National Ethanol Conference	Houston, TX	Wilkerson
February	11-14	2020	USGC Meeting	Tampa, FL	Greer, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Harms
February	16-17	2020	Trade School	Olatha, KS	Wilkerson, Merrell, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Schrock
February/ March	24-1	2020	NCGA Commodity Classic	San Antonio, TX	Brunkhorst, Harms, Wilkerson, Gerlach, Greer, Borg, Grabenstein, Schrock, Merrell, Bruntz, Groskopf, Reiners, Hunnicutt,
March	9-12	2020	NeCGA DC Leadership	Washington, DC	Grabenstein, Brunkhorst
March	17-20	2020	NCGA Corn Board & Agri-Industry Meeting	Washington, DC	Hunnicutt
March	18-19	2020	Soil Health Partnership	St. Louis, MO	McAfee
March/ April	31-8	2020	USGC State Executives Mission	Peru & Chile	Brunkhorst
May	4-6	2020	NCGA State Staff Meeting	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms
May	13-15	2020	Indiana Corn High Octane Event	Indianapolis, IN	Wilkerson
May	18-21	2020	State Execs Meeting	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May	20-22	2020	USMEF Conference	Las Vegas, NV	Bruntz, Grabenstein

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

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

## **MINUTES**