



**Minutes of the meeting held August 19-20, 2020  
Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel & Conference Center  
301 W HWY 26  
Scottsbluff, 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**

Dan Nerud, NeCGA

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Mike Boehm, Vice-Chancellor-UNL-IANR  
Steve Wellman, Director-NDA (via call)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jeff Wilkerson  
Kurtis Harms  
Boone McAfee  
Nikki Bentzinger

**VISITORS**

Chabella Guzman, KNEB/RRN

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 19-20, 2020 meeting:

**CALL TO ORDER**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 2:10 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 19-20, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full board the approval of \$1,500 out of Communications Unobligated for the sponsorship of the AgCeptional Women Conference in Norfolk, NE.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding for a Sellback Piece mailing in the amount of \$20,000. This will come from the “Nebraska Corn Board Video Promo” line item in the communications budget.
- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full board that they are opting out of the agreement with Rural Radio Network for the Husker Football Season because the Huskers won’t be playing this year. It was approved to move \$6,496 from “Rural Radio Network” line item to “Radio Advertising” line item in the communications budget.
- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full board that they are in full support of Tracy Behnken with UNL Extension-Ag Literacy Festivals to use funds we’ve committed to go into the development of virtual learning opportunities because many schools are limiting field trips and in-person visits.

### **MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$50,000 for the Ethanol Infrastructure grants to the following sites to add E15, E30 and E85.
  - Cooperative Producers Premier Stop – Kearney
  - Cooperative Producers Premier Stop – Superior
  - Farmers Cooperative – Seward
  - Frenchman Valley Farmers Cooperative – McCook
  - Parkview Express - Columbus

*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*

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 for the Ethanol Infrastructure grants to the following sites to add E15 and E85
  - Pump & Pantry #15 – Grand Island
  - Pump & Pantry #34 – Gordon
  - Pump & Pantry #38 – Gretna

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

- ▶ The Market Development committee reported to the full board the reallocation of \$8,000 from the “PLA Promotion” line item in the Market Development budget to “Illinois Corn-K Moore

Consulting” to support technical expertise outreach efforts in ethanol for both domestic and international markets.

### **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

- ▶ The Research Committee reported to the full board the reallocation of \$2,500 from the “UNL Nitrogen Use Efficiency Workshop Sponsorship” line item in the research budget to the National Association of Plant Breeders Conference at UNL.
- ▶ The Research Committee reported to the full board the reallocation of \$1,500 from the “Haskell Ag Lab Field Day” line item in the in-state program budget to the UNL Panhandle Ag Research Field Day in Scottsbluff.

### **PETITION**

- ▶ A motion was made to accept the petition of Brandon Hunnicutt to Corn Board District #3

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

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

- ▶ A motion was made to accept the budget update to
  - *update our Beginning Cash Balance to \$1,973,720.67 (actual);*
  - *update corn fees to \$7,824,600 (9.45 million acres harvested @ 180 bu/A);*
  - *include FY 19/20 expenditures of \$89,500*
  - *lower funding for Husker Sports / IMG by \$60,900 (football and volleyball)*
  - *lower funding for Corn Board Expense by \$25,000*
  - *lower funding for Travel by \$18,000*
  - *lower NeCGA funding by \$17,000*
  - *delete funding for USFRF by \$25,000*
  - *increase funding for USGC Expanding Ethanol Exports by \$72,950*
  - *increase funding for USMEF by \$50,000*
  - *increase funding for USMEF Unobligated by \$22,950*

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Borg*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 8 ayes and 1 nays, motion carried.*

### **BIENNIUM BUDGET FY 21/22 AND 22/23**

- ▶ A motion was made to request \$9.9 million in spending authority and PSL in the amount of \$480,582 for FY 21/22 and \$489,714 for FY 22/23.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Hunnicutt, Merrell, Borg, Grabenstein, Greer, Bruntz, Schrock, Reiners, Groskopf  
 Nay: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Not Present: None  
 By a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.*

**MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 10-11, 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 June and July, 2020 fiscal reports as presented.  
  
*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 August, September and October, 2020

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
August	31-2	2020	USMEF Executive Committee Meeting	Denver, CO	Bruntz
September	9-10	2020	Field to Market	Virtual	Hunnicutt
September	16	2020	ACE Conference	Virtual	Wilkerson
September	16-18	2020	NCGA Board of Directors Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Hunnicutt
October	5-9	2020	Field to Market Board Meeting	Denver, CO	Hunnicutt
October	6-7	2020	RFA Annual Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Wilkerson
October	27-29	2020	State Execs Meeting	Branson, MO	Brunkhorst

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Officers were elected for FY 2020-21 by secret ballot:

Chairman – David Bruntz  
 Vice-Chairman – Brandon Hunnicutt  
 Secretary Treasurer – Jay Reiners

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**


Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

**ADJOURN**

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on Thursday, August 20 at 10:30 am.

*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

