



**Minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2021  
Holthus Conference Center  
3130 Holen Avenue  
York, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Andy Jobman, NeCGA  
Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR  
Cicely Batie, Neb. Dept. of Agriculture

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jeff Wilkerson  
Kurtis Harms  
Boone McAfee  
Nikki Bentzinger

Carl Sousek, NeCGA  
David Merrell, NeCGA  
Ethan Zoerb, NeCGA  
Daren Niemeyer, NeCGA  
Dan Wesely, NeCGA  
Clark Pickrel, NeCGA  
Tom Nathan, NeCGA  
Jason Lewis, NeCGA  
Dave Dahlgren, NeCGA  
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Lynn Crisp, NeCGA  
Michael Dibbern, NeCGA  
Derek Dam, NeCGA  
Guy Mills, NeCGA  
Eric Kamler, NeCGA  
Russell Kavan, NeCGA  
Matt Helmke, NeCGA  
Steve Ebke, NeCGA  
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA  
Ashley Livermont, Farm Credit Services  
Jason Edleman, Farm Credit Services  
Representative Adrian Smith

**VISITORS:**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 19, 2021 meeting:

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB 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 August 19, 2021 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 to help sponsor the AgCeptional Women’s Conference hosted by Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE.
- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$1,500 out of Communications Unobligated to join Indiana Corn for their Indy Airstrip Attack, which is part of Shift Sector, a high-octane racing experience that takes place across the country.
- ▶ The Communications Committee reported to the full Board the approval of \$500 out of Communications Unobligated to help Nebraska Extension’s Women in Ag program host its first Herd That! Conference on September 15.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$6,000 from general unobligated for Corn Board’s share of the cost of the fence replacement at Husker Harvest Days.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

## **RESEARCH & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to allow the Research and Stewardship Committee to continue funding consideration of the project “Development of Extremase Enzyme Cocktail for Fuel Ethanol Production” if the PIs from Molecular Trait Evolution agree to continue the research within the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: Bruntz*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

**MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

**MARKET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$750,000 out of the Ethanol Infrastructure Investment line for California E85 infrastructure through Kansas Corn.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

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

**FISCAL REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the June and July 2021 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, October, November and December 2021 and January 2022.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
August	20	2021	Corn Grower Open	York, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
August	25	2021	Locks & Dams Tour	St. Louis, MO	Wilkerson, Schrock, Krohn
August 27 to	Sept 6	2021	Nebraska State Fair	Grand Island, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners,

					Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
August 31 to	Sept 1	2021	USMEF Meeting	Denver, CO	Bruntz
September	1	2021	Beef Pit at State Fair	Grand Island, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
September	13-16	2021	Husker Harvest Days	Grand Island, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
September	13-17	2021	NCGA Board Meeting	WDC	Hunnicut
September	15-17	2021	High Octane Fuel Summit	Indianapolis, IN	Wilkerson
September	19-20	2021	Ag Outlook Forum	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
September	21-24	2021	DC Fly-In	WDC	Brunkhorst
September	21-23	2021	Water Quality Mtg	Wisconsin	McAfee
September	22	2021	Renewable Fuels Nebraska Meeting	Kearney, NE	Wilkerson
September	28-30	2021	RFA Annual Meeting	Des Moines, IA	Wilkerson, Schrock
October	6-7	2021	Field to Market Board Retreat	New Orleans, LA	Hunnicut
October	13-14	2021	NCGA Communications Summit	Chicago, IL	Harms, Svanda
October	25-28	2021	State Execs Meeting	NC	Brunkhorst
November	10-12	2021	USMEF Meeting	Carlsbad, CA	Bruntz, Brunkhorst, Grabenstein, Wilkerson

November	16-18	2021	Field to Market/Sustainable Ag	Las Vegas, NV	Hunnicut, Reiners, McAfee
November	22-23	2021	Joint Nebraska Corn Growers/Board Meeting & NCB Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger
December	13-17	2021	State Execs/Pres/Chairman Leadership Symposium	St. Louis, MO	Brunkhorst, Reiners
January	19	2022	NCB Board Meeting	TBD	Borg, Bruntz, Greer, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Merrell, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Wilkerson, McAfee, Harms, Bentzinger, Krohn
January	20	2022	Leadership at its Best	Triangle Park, NC and WDC	Borg
January	25	2022	Iowa Renewable Fuels Summit	Altoona, IA	Wilkerson

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve Jay Reiners as Chairman for FY 2021-22.

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

Other officers were elected for FY 2021-22 by secret ballot:

Vice-Chairman – Brandon Hunnicutt  
Secretary Treasurer – Andy Groskopf

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Bruntz provided the opportunity for public discussion.

**ADJOURN**


- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on Thursday, August 19 at 5:00 pm.

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

**AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

The awards to outgoing board members were presented during working dinner.

SUBMITTED BY,

  
Andy Groskopf (Nov 29, 2021 13:31 MST)

Andy Groskopf, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Nikki Bentzinger, Business Manager






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