



**Minutes of the meeting held November 25 & 26, 2024
Cornhusker Marriott
Lincoln, Nebraska**

November 25, 2024, 1:00 PM Joint Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Borg
Matt Sullivan
Brandon Hunnicutt
Jay Reiners
Ted Schrock
Andy Groskopf
Adam Grabenstein
John Krohn

EX- OFFICIOS PRESENT

Chris Grams, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Brunkhorst
Jill Bookhout
Rachael Whitehair
Payton Schaneman

GUESTS

Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Michael Dibbern, NeCGA
Jan tenBensel, NeCGA
Rick Gruber, NeCGA
Jason Lewis, NeCGA
Daren Niemeyer, NeCGA
Dave Merrell, NeCGA
Ryan Hanousek, NeCGA
Clark Pickrel, NeCGA
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Michael Bergen, NeCGA
Dan Wesely, NeCGA
Ethan Zoerb, NeCGA
Katherine Byrne, NeCGA Staff
Russ Kavan, NeCGA
Amy Harsch, NeCGA
Derek Dam, NeCGA
Andrew Schlichtemeier, NeCGA
Andy Jobman, NeCGA
Quentin Connealy, NeCGA
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA
Tom Nathan, NeCGA
Lexi Bodlak, NeCGA

No motion taken – Recess for working Dinner at Lazlo’s Hay Market – Invite Only

November 26, 2024, Corn Board Meeting

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Clark Pickrel, NeCGA
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA
David Bruntz, USMEF
Royce Schaneman, Wheat Board
Jordan Schlake, NE Trade Rep

EX- OFFICIOS PRESENT

Chris Grams, NeCGA
Hector Santiago, UNL - IANR
Hilary Maricle, NDA

CALL TO ORDER

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Brandon Hunnicutt, chairman. Hunnicutt 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 and seconded to approve the November 25-26, 2024, meeting agenda.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding to sponsor the NPM in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a Steak Science Documentary from Communications Unobligated

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Borg, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Nerud

By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding to sponsor the Supernovas in the amount of \$20,000.00 for an LED board for the 2025 season from Communications Unobligated

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Borg, Reiners, Krohn, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Sullivan, Schrock, Hunnicutt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Nerud

By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to reallocate \$175,000.00 from heavy duty engine research, Colorado front range and market development unobligated and approve blender pump applications.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,

Nerud

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: Nerud

By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve \$100,000.00 for Project Andromeda from sustainability unobligated line item.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Borg, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Sullivan Krohn

*Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: Nerud
By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to approve \$15,000.00 ABC calculator from Cost Share Decision Tool Development line item.

*A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Borg, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,
Nay: None
Abstain: Groskopf
Not Present: Nerud
By a vote of 7 ayes, 1 abstain, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to fund each NCGA action team at \$50,000.00 and the remaining \$250,000.00 will be split by the top three priorities of Nebraska Corn.

*A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Borg,
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: Nerud
By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to approve consent motions as attached to these minutes.

*A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Sullivan, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: Nerud
By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.*

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ IL Corn / OSCC Book & Claim Proposal was discussed, and automatically moved to second time funding.

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

MINUTES

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024 Board Meeting

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

FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to approve the August – October 2024 fiscal reports as presented.

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

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

Month	Dates	Year	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
December	10-11	2024	NCGA Board Meeting	Saint Louis	Nerud
December	10	2024	NE Farm Bureau Banquet	Kearney, NE	Hunnicut, Brunkhorst
December	12	2024	NE Cattlemen Banquet	Kearney, NE	Brunkhorst
December	18-19	2024	U.S. Grains Council	DC	Reiners
January	8-9	2025	Corn Sustainability Strategy	Chicago IL	Hunnicut, Whitehair
January	11-18	2025	U.S. Grains Council Officer Mission	India	Reiners
January	13-16	2025	Executive Leadership Symposium Action Team & Committee Mtgs.	Louisville, KY	Nerud, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Sullivan, Brunkhorst, Whitehair, Bookhout, Schaneman
January	22-24	2025	NCGA National Meeting & Retreat	Nashville, TN	Nerud
January	22	2025	NeCGA Annual Meeting	York	Hunnicut, Groskopf
January	23	2025	NCB Meeting	Lincoln	Board & Staff

January	27-30	2025	D.C. NCGA Leadership Academy	DC	Groskopf, Krohn
February	3-4	2025	Ne Corn Board Meeting – 6 Month Budget	Grand Island	All
February	4-6	2025	NCB National Cattleman Assoc. Cattle Con.,	San Antonio, TX	Nerud
February	12-14	2025	USGC Meeting		Hunnicut, Reimers, Groskopf, Schrock, Nerud, Krohn, Brunkhorst, Bookhout, Whitehair, Schaneman
February	17-19	2025	National Ethanol Conference	Nashville, TN	Schaneman
February	20-21	2025	Women in AG	Kearney	Bookhout, Whitehair
February 28 to March 4	28-3	2025	Commodity Classic	Denver, CO	Borg, Reiners, Krohn, Nerud, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Brunkhorst, Schaneman, Whitehair, Bookhout, Garbenstein, Sullivan
March	18-19	2025	NCGA Meeting	St. Louis	Nerud
March	20	2025	Corn Board/Cooperators meeting	Lincoln	Corn Board Members and Staff
March	21	2025	Research	Lincoln	Corn Board Members, Directors
April	7-11	2025	USGC Partners Conf.		Brunkhorst, Schaneman
April	8	2025	CommonGrounds State Conf		Bookhout
April	28-May 2	2025	2025 Water for Food Global Conference	UNL - Lincoln	Bookhout

April	28-30	2025	NCGA All Staff Meeting		
May	19-22	2025	State Exec Meeting	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May	21-23	2025	USMEF Meeting		Groskopf, Reiners, Schaneman, Bruntz
June	10-12	2025	NCGA Meeting	St. Louis	Nerud

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the travel listed on the spreadsheet for the months of December 2024 and January, February, March, April, May, and June in 2025.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session at 2:11 pm

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to return to open meeting at 2:46 pm


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

ADJOURN

- ▶ Finding no further business before the board, A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Hunnicutt adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm.

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

SUBMITTED BY,



Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer



Renee Tichota, Business Manager