



**Minutes of the Meeting held March 20, 2025**  
**Embassy Suites**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jill Bookhout  
Payton Schaneman  
Renee Tichota  
Rachael Whitehair

**VISITORS**

Katherine Byrne, NeCGA  
Steve Martin, AFAN  
Ellen Zimmerman, U.S. Grains Council  
Tiffany Heng-Moss, UNL – IANR  
Justin Swanson, UNL Foundation  
Loren Giesler, UNL Plant Pathology  
Libia F. Gomez-Trejo, UNL Plant  
Pathology

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **FIRST-TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider OPS/CASNR Project first-time funding.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Borg, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 Absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to provide \$2,000 to OPS/CASNR out of general unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Borg, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to consider NCB annual report for first-time funding.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Reiners, Groskopf, Krohn, Borg, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan Grabenstein Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 Absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to provide up to \$45,000 for NCB annual report out of general unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Borg, Schrock Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

### **SECOND-TIME FUNDING**

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to provide FFAR program at \$5,000 for year one

out of general unobligated.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent, motion carried.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- A motion was made to provide \$5,000 from general unobligated for NCB & Ne Soybean Board to sponsor a Grain Bin Rescue Equipment & Training.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Sullivan Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

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

## **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

- A motion was made to provide \$84,000 from Research Unobligated to UNL Beck's research for Root Reveal.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried*

- A motion was made to fund \$10,000 from Research Unobligated for Historical analysis of "fog days" and subsequent precipitation.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Reiners*

*Nay: Sullivan, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 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: Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Borg Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried Not Present: None*

## **MINUTES**

- ▶ A motion was made to reconsider January 2025 board meeting minutes

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Borg, Reiners, Krohn, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Sullivan, Schrock, Hunnicutt Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to correct and amend to change USGC and USMEF names who Abstained

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Borg, Schrock Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

## **FISCAL REPORT**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the January and February 2025 fiscal report as presented.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Borg, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

- ▶ A motion was made to move \$28,000 from NCGA base to portfolio and to CommonGround programming.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Sullivan Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the March 20-21, 2025, Meeting agenda.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Borg, Schrock Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
Feb – March	28 5	2025 2025	Commodity Classic	Denver CO	Borg, Reiners, Krohn, Groskopf, Nerud, Sullivan, Schaneman, Whitehair, Bookhout, Grabenstein Hunnicut, Brunkhorst
March	10-12	2025	NCGA Board Meeting,	Washington D.C.	Nerud,
March	18-19	2025	NCGA Meeting	North Dakota	Nerud
March	19	2025	Social-NCB, Cooperators, Award Recipient	Lincoln	Schaneman, Whitehair, Bookhout, Brunkhorst
March	20	2025	Corn Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	NCB Staff & Board Members
March	21	2025	NCB Meeting with UNL Research Depart.	Lincoln, NE	Brunkhorst, Whitehair
March	26-28	2025	AFA – AllianceX	Fort Worth, TX	Bookhout
April	1	2025	USMEF Meeting	Denver CO	
April	8-10	2025	USGC Industry Partner Conf.		Brunkhorst, Schaneman
April	8	2025	CommonGround State Conf.	York, NE	Bookhout
April	28-30	2025	NCGA All Staff Meeting	St. Paul MN	Brunkhorst, Schaneman, Bookhout
April May	28 2	2025	2025 Water for Food Global Conference	UNL- Lincoln, NE	Krohn, Reiners, Hunnicut, Whitehair
May	5-7	2025	FLY IN – National Coalition for Food & AG Research	Washington, D.C.	Nerud

May	19-22	2025	State Exec Meeting	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May	21-23	2025	USMEF Meeting	Fort Worth, TX	Schaneman, Grabenstein, Schrock, David Bruntz
May	28-29	2025	AAE Conference	Detroit, MI	Schaneman
June	5-6	2025	U.S. Grains Council	Washington D.C.	Reiners
June	10-12	2025	NCGA Meeting	St. Louis MO	Nerud
June	16-20	2025	A NGCA GEM Program g Auto Ethanol	Canada	Sullivan
June	17	2025	NCB/ NeCGA Joint Meeting	Broken Bow, NE	All
June	18	2025	NCB Board Meeting	Broken Bow, NE	All
July	13-17	2025	NCGA Action Team Committee & Corn Congress Meetings	Washington, D.C.	Sullivan, Hunnicut, Borg, Krohn, Brunkhorst, Whitehair, Bookhout
July-August	28-1	2025	USGC Meeting		Reiners, Krohn, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Borg, Nerud, Sullivan, Schaneman, Whitehair, Brunkhorst, Bob Dickey, Allen Tiemann
August	8	2025	NeCGA Corn Grower Open	York, NE	All
August	14	2025	Governors Ag & Economic Development Summitt	Kearney, NE	Groskopf, Krohn, Hunnicut, Reiners, Grabenstein, Schrock, Brunkhorst
August	19	2025	NCB Meeting		All Staff and All Board

#### **CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of

March, April, May, June, July, and August 2025.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Borg, Reiners, Krohn, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Sullivan, Schrock, Hunnicutt Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session at 4:50 pm

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, motion carried.*

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to return to open meeting at 5:07 pm  
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

#### **RECESS**

Since there was no further business before the Board, the chairman recessed the meeting at 5:07pm.

SUBMITTED BY,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Ted Schrock, and the signature on the right is for Renee Tichota. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style. Below each signature is a horizontal line.

Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Renee Tichota, Business Manager





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Andy Groskopf  
Jay Reiners  
John Krohn  
Adam Grabenstein  
Matt Sullivan  
Ted Schrock

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

**VISTORS**

James Schnable, UNL  
Tom Nathan, NeCGA  
Brian Koehler, Agribusiness Attendee, Pioneer  
Jason Lewis, NeCGA  
Andrew Schlichtemeier, NeCGA

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Rachael Whitehair

**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.

The Board heard research presentations and updates on current research projects. No formal decisions were made during the March 21, 2025, meeting.

**ADJOURNED**

Since there was no further business before the Board, the chairman adjourned the meeting at

12:00 pm.