



Minutes of the meeting held
June 17-18, 2025
Broken Bow Country Club
2280 Memorial Dr.
Broken Bow, NE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA
Dr. Silvana Martini, UNL – IANR

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Brunkhorst
Payton Schaneman
Rachael Whitehair
Jill Bookhout
Renee Tichota

VISTORS

Katherine Byrne, NeCGA
Kaitlin Taylor, NeCGA

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during June 18,2025 meeting:

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 June 18, 2025, meeting agenda.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

First Tims Funding Requests

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to suspend rules to move first time funding to second time funding.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to not fund Paint by Number partnership at NSF at base level in the amount of \$19,000.00

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to Ag Tech Connect at \$1,000.00 from research unobligated.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to Fund the impacts of sustainability in CA at \$25,000.00 from Market Development Unobligated.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to Fund Made in America at \$15,000.00 from the Market Development SAF Seminar line item.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to suspend rules for first time funding to second time funding for the 2025-2026 budget.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

The board discussed the revenue projection for FY 25/26 and agreed to set the corn fees revenue projection at \$15,824,000. This amount is based on 10.0 million acres being harvested at 172 bushels per acre.

- ▶ A motion was made to go into Executive session at 11:38 AM.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made to leave Executive session at 12:04 PM.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to not Fund Huskers Sports

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Reiners, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,

Nay: Groskopf, Borg, Krohn, Schrock, Nerud

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

By a vote of 3 ayes, 5 nays, 1 Absent motion did not pass.

- ▶ A motion was made to go into Executive session about salaries at 1:42 PM

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- ▶ A motion was made to leave the Executive session at 2:03 PM.

A roll call was taken:

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

*Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sullivan*

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

- *A motion was made and seconded to increase AFAN funding by \$100,000. For a total of \$375,000.*

*A roll call was taken:
Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Borg, Nerud, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock,
Grabenstein
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sullivan
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 Absent motion carried.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to fund USMEF's subtotal at \$1,500,000.00*

*A roll call was taken:
Aye: Borg, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Nerud, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,
Nay: None
Abstain: Reiners
Absent: Sullivan
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent motion carried.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to fund USGC's subtotal at \$1,860,000.00*

*A roll call was taken:
Aye: Groskopf, Borg, Krohn, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Nerud
Nay: None
Abstain: Reiners
Absent: Sullivan
By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent motion carried.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to fund the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) in the amount of \$1,979,000.00 (with parameters).*

*A roll call was taken:
Aye: Hunnicutt, Krohn, Borg, Grabenstein, Schrock, Groskopf,
Nay: Reiners
Abstain: Nerud
Absent: Sullivan
By a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 25/26 budget as discussed.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

PETITIONS

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the current petitions submitted for District 1, 4, & 5 and forward to the Governor's office upon verification of signatures.

District #1: Dan Nerud

District #4: Blake Hokamp – Lisa
Lunz

District #5: Adam Grabenstein

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Borg, Krohn, Nerud, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Schrock, Hunnicutt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

By a vote of 7 ayes, no nays, 2 Absent motion carried.

MINUTES

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 20-21, 2025, meeting

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Borg, Krohn, Nerud, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Schrock, Hunnicutt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

By a vote of 7 ayes, no nays, 2 Absent motion carried.

FISCAL REPORT

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the March, April, and May 2025 fiscal reports as presented.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Hunnicutt, Krohn, Borg, Grabenstein, Nerud, Schrock, Groskopf,

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Sullivan

By a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent motion carried

CONSENT MOTIONS

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

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

June	5-6	2025	USGC Board Meeting	Washington DC	Reiners
June	10-12	2025	NCGA Meeting	St. Louis	Nerud
June	16-20	2025	USGC Gem Program	Canada	Sullivan
June	17-18	2025	NCB/NeCGA Joint Meeting/ 18-NCB Mtg	Broken Bow	All
June	24-27	2025	NCGA Women's Mentoring Group	Chicago, IL	Nerud
July	7-8	2025	National Cattleman	San Diego CA	Nerud
July	13-17	2025	NCGA Action Team Committee/Corn Congress	Washington DC	Sullivan, Hunnicutt, Brunkhorst, Whitehair, Bookhout, Schaneman, Nerud

July	29-Aug 1	2025	USGC Meeting	Grand Rapids Michigan	Krohn, Schrock, Hunnicut, Reiners, Groskopf, Nerud Schaneman, Whitehair, Sullivan Borg, Brunkhorst
August	4-6	2025	NCGA Leadership Academy Class	Chesterfield, MO	Sullivan
August	6	2025	IANR Commodity Board Meeting	Lincoln	Nerud, Hunnicutt, Whitehair, Brunkhorst
August	8	2025	NeCGA Grower Open	York	Directors and NCB Members
August	13	2025	Governors Ag Summitt	Kearney	Groskopf, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Whitehair, Grabenstein
August	14	2025	Governors Ag Summitt	Kearney	Groskopf, Krohn, Grabenstein, Hunnicutt, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Schrock, Whitehair
August	15	2025	SAF Conference with Representative Flood	SAC Museum	Hunnicut
August	18-19	2025	NCB Meeting	Gothenburg, NE	Staff & Board Members
August	27	2025	Beef Pit	State Fair	Staff & Bd Members
September	3-9	2025	Japan Gov's Trade Mission	Japan	
September	4-5	2025	USGC Board Meeting	St. Louis	Nerud
September	7-13	2025	ISMEF Korea Heartland Tour	Korea	Grabenstein, Schrock
September	9-11	2025	Husker Harvest Days		ALL
September	10-11	2025	NCGA Board		
September October	30-4	2025	State Executive Mission	Canada & Mexico	
September October	30 – 4	2025	RFA Annual Meeting	Omaha, NE	Schaneman, Schrock
October	1-2	2025	State Water Quality Meeting	Maine	Whitehair
October	7-13	2025	USMEF Heartland Team	Traveling to Seoul Busan, Korea	Grabenstein

October	8-9	2025	NCGA Membership & Communicators Meeting		
October	8-9	2025	New Uses Consortium	Johnston, IA	Whitehair
October	19-22	2025	Global Ethanol Summit		Reiners, Schaneman
October	21-23	2025	State & National Exec Meeting	Omaha	
October November	26-8	2025	Egypt Israel		
November	12-14	2025	USMEF Meeting	Indianapolis	Grabenstein, Brunkhorst, Schaneman, David Bruntz
November	18-20	2025	FTM Plenary & Sustainability Summit	California	Hunnicut, Reiners, Whitehair
November	21	2025	AgCeptional Women	Northeast College Norfolk, NE	Bookhout
November	24-25	2025	AFAN / Joint NCB? NeCGA Meeting/ NCB Mtg.	Cornhusker Lincoln, NE	ALL

- A motion was made to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November 2025.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- A motion was made to approve Policies and Procedures as Presented.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Dave Bruntz as Volunteer and cover expenses for USMEF

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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 3:30 pm to discuss statutes.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

- A motion was made and seconded to return to open meeting at 3:37 pm

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

ADJOURN

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 pm.

A roll call was taken:

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

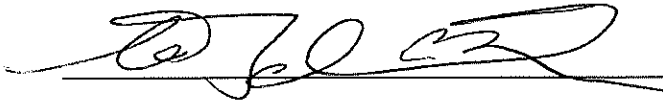
Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sullivan

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

SUBMITTED BY,



Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer



Renee Tichota, Business Manager