



**Minutes of the meeting held  
August 19, 2025.  
Bayer Water Utilization Center  
76268 Hwy 47  
Gothenburg, Nebraska**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Krohn  
Matt Sullivan  
Andy Groskopf  
Brandon Hunnicutt, Chairman  
Jay Reiners  
Adam Grabenstein  
Ted Schrock  
Dan Nerud  
Lisa Lunz

**EX-OFFICIO PRESENT**

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA  
Martha Mamo, UNL- IANR  
Jessica Shelburn, NDA

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Payton Schaneman  
Rachael Whitehair  
Jill Bookhout  
Renee Tichota

**GUESTS**

Cobus Block, NDED  
Andy Jobman  
Kaitlin Taylor

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the August 19, 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 August 19, 2025, meeting agenda.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Lunz, Schrock,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

## **COMMITTEE**

- ▶ A motion was made by the Research Committee to move \$104,721.00 from the unobligated funding allocation to the ASU Corn-derived dust suppressant project.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Lunz, Schrock,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made by the Research Committee to move \$75,000.00 from the unobligated funding allocation to the ASU Corrosion Inhibitor project.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Lunz, Schrock,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made by the Communications Committee to move \$12,495.00 from the creative/unallocated funding allocation to fund PBA Design.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Lunz, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan, Hunnicutt,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made by the Market Development Committee to fund ISCC from Ethanol

trade and research unobligated for \$15,000.00

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Nerud, Sullivan,*

*Krohn*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to fund Marquette- prechamber Ethanol Volatility programming under Ethanol/Trade Research Unobligated at \$10,000.00.

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Lunz,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to fund Redefining Ethanol Heating with Growth Energy from Ethanol/Trade Research Unobligated for \$20,000.00

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,*

*Nerud*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made to Rename “Blender Truck-Growth” line item in Market development to “Tank Infrastructure Grant”

*A roll call was taken:*

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

*Sullivan*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None Absent: None*

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

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to fund RAPP 1.2 and 2.1 as discussed and provide the balance to USGBC board of directors to make appropriate decisions.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Nerud, Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Lunz,  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

### **FIRST - TIME FUNDING REQUESTS**

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

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Nerud  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

### **BUDGET**

- ▶ A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025-2026 budget .

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Reiners, Groskopf, Krohn, Lunz, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Grabenstein, Nerud  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.*

- *A motion was made and seconded to accept the policies and procedures update.*

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Lunz, Schrock,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

## **MINUTES**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 17 - 18, 2025 meeting after corrections were made.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Nerud, Sullivan,*

*Krohn*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

## **FISCAL REPORT**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the June and July 2025 fiscal reports as presented.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Nerud, Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein,*

*Krohn, Lunz,*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

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

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Nerud, Reiners, Sullivan*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

**CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the travel noted so far on the calendar for the months of August, September, October, November, December 2025, January, February and March of 2026.

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein,*

*Nerud*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Absent: None*

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

MONTH	DATE S	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
August	4-6	2025	NCGA Leadership Academy Class	Chesterfield, Missouri	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	Gov's Ag Summit	Kearney	Groskopf, Krohn, Hunnicut, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Whitehair, Grabenstein
August	14	2025	Gov's Ag Summit	Kearney	Groskopf, Krohn, Grabenstein, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Whitehair
August	15	2025	SAF Conference with Representative Flood	Sac Museum	Hunnicutt
August	18-19	2025	NCB Meeting	Gothenburg	Staff and Board Members

August	27	2025	Beef Pit	State Fair	Staff and Board Members
September	3-9	2025	Japan Gov's Trade Mission	Japan	Schrock
September	4-5	2025	USGC Meeting		Reiners
September	7-13	2025	USMEF Korea Heartland Tour	Korea	Grabenstein
September	9-11	2025	Husker Harvest Days		All
September	9-11	2025	NGCA Borad Meeting	St. Louis, MO	Nerud
September	3-19	2025	Indonesia	Indonesia	Reiners
September	15-16	2025	Bio Innovations	Omaha	Whitehair
September October	30 – 4	2025	State Executive Mission	Canada & Mexico	
September October	29-01	2025	RFA Annual Meeting	Omaha	Schaneman, Schrock
October	1-2	2025	State Water Quality Meeting	Main	Whitehair
October	8-9	2025	NCGA Meeting	MO	Nerud
October	8-9	2025	New Uses Consortium	Johnston, IA	Whitehead
October	19-22	2025	Global ETH Summit		Schaneman, Reiners
October	21-23	2025	State & National Exec Meeting	Omaha	
October November	26 – 8	2025		Egypt	
November	2-8	2025	USGC		Reiners
November	3-6	2025	Agribusiness Trade Mission to Mexico	Mexico City	Krohn

November	12-14	2025	USMEF Meeting	Indianapolis	Grabenstein, Brunkhorst, Schaneman, David Bruntz
November	17-20	2025	FTM Plenary & Sustainability Summit	California	Hunnicutt, Whitehair

November	17-23	2025	Grains Council Meeting		Reiners
November	24	2025	AFAN Meeting – morning NCB/NeCGA Joint meeting	Lincoln	All Staff & Board Members
November	25	2025	NCB Meeting	Lincoln	All Staff & Bd Mbrs.
December	4-5	2025	USGC Meeting		Reiners
December	8-9	2025	SD – IA – NE Office Meeting	Sioux Falls, SD	Hunnicutt, Brunkhorst
January	12	2026	Exec Leadership symposium	Louisville, KY	Sullivan, Nerud, Hunnicutt, Groskopf
January	13	2026	State President's Mtg & Action Team Member Training	Louisville, KY	Sullivan, Nerud, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Whitehair, Schaneman, Bookhout, Brunkhorst
January	14-15	2026	Action Team & Committee Meetings	Louisville, KY	Sullivan, Nerud, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Whitehair, Schaneman, Bookhout, Brunkhorst Su
January	18-21	2026	NCGA Leadership Academy Class	Louisville, KY	Sullivan
January	19-21	2026	Corn Board Retreat	TBD	
January	28	2026	Corn Board Meeting	TBD	All
February	1-7	2026	USGC & NCGA Joint Trip		Reiners
February	11-13	2026	USGC Meeting	Panama City	Nerud, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Krohn, Sullivan, Whitehair, Schaneman, Brunkhorst
February	24-26	2026	National Ethanol Conference		Schaneman
February – March	24-02	2026	Commodity Classic		Nerud, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Brunkhorst, Bookhout, Schaneman, Whitehair.
February	26-27	2026	Women in Ag		

March	17-18	2026	Com Board Meeting	Lincoln	All staff & Bd. Mbrs.
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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Brandon Hunnicutt as Chairman for FY 2025-26.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve officers FY 2025-26

Vice – Chairman – Andy Groskopf  
Secretary Treasurer – Ted Schrock

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Hunnicutt provided the opportunity for public discussion.

### ADJOURN

- Finding no further business before the board, A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Hunnicutt adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm

*A roll call was taken:*

*Aye: Reiners, Groskopf, Krohn, Lunz, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Grabenstein, Nerud*

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

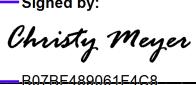
*Absent: None*

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

SUBMITTED BY,

Signed by:  
  
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Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Signed by:  
  
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Christy Meyer, Business Manager