



**Minutes of the meeting held November 24 and 25, 2025  
Cornhusker Marriott  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

**November 24, 2025, 1:00 PM Joint Meeting**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jill Bookhout  
Payton Schaneman  
Rachael Whitehair

**GUESTS**

Mike Bergen, NeCGA  
Brian Brown, NeCGA  
Cale Buhr, NeCGA  
Quentin Connealy, NeCGA  
Derek Dam, NeCGA  
Michael Dibbern, NeCGA  
Steve Ebke, NeCGA  
Chris Grams, NeCGA  
Rick Gruber, NeCGA  
Ryan Hanousek, NeCGA  
Amy Harsch, NeCGA  
Blake Hokamp, NeCGA  
Andy Jobman, NeCGA  
Russ Kavan, NeCGA  
Jason Lewis, NeCGA  
Guy Mills, NeCGA  
Tom Nathan, NeCGA  
Daren Niemeyer, NeCGA  
Clark Pickrel, NeCGA  
Kyle Pohlmann, NeCGA  
Jan tenBensel, NeCGA  
Dave Warner, NeCGA  
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA  
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Ethan Zoerb, NeCGA  
Kaitlin Taylor, NeCGA Staff  
Jared Moser, NeCGA

No motion taken – Recess for Student Research Symposium at East Campus Union.

## **November 26, 2024, Corn Board Meeting**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT**

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA  
Sherry Vinton, NDA  
Martha Mamo, UNL - IANR

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jill Bookhout  
Payton Schaneman  
Rachael Whitehair  
Christy Meyer

### **GUESTS**

Kaitlin Taylor, NeCGA Staff  
Katherine Byrne, NeCGA Staff  
Jan tenBensel, NeCGA  
Steve Ebke, NeCGA  
Ethan Zoerb, NeCGA  
Jason Lewis, NeCGA  
Andy Jobman, NeCGA  
Morgan Wrich, NeCGA  
Silvana V. Paula, UNL – MORACS  
Derek Dam, NeCGA

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 November 24-25, 2025, meeting agenda.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Reiners, Groskopf, Krohn, Lunz, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Grabenstein, Nerud*  
*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

## **SECOND TIME FUNDING**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve funding for USFRA membership of \$5,000.00.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

## **FY 25-26 BUDGET REVIEW**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve fully funding the NCGA portfolio at \$600,000.00 in addition to contract.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Sullivan, Krohn*

*Nay: Schrock, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Lunz*

*Abstain: Nerud*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 2 ayes, 6 nays, 1 abstain motion failed.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve funding each of the six the NCGA action teams at \$50,000.00 with \$100,000.00 additional going to each of the following action teams: biofuels, trade, transportation & animal ag and risk management.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: Nerud*

*Not Present: None*

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

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

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

### **MINUTES**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025, Board Meeting.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Lunz, Nerud, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: None*  
*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

### **FISCAL REPORTS**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the August – October 2025 fiscal reports as presented.  
  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Lunz, Nerud, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: None*  
*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent motions.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Lunz, Nerud, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: None*  
*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

### **COMMITTEE MOTIONS**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the June UNL research invoice of \$38,567.91 from current year research unobligated funds.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein, Nerud*  
*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve \$150,000.00 for project Orion from research unobligated.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve \$275,000.00 in applications for the Blender Pump Grant Program.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*

*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

### **CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
December	1-4	2025	Idaho Dairy Mission	Idaho	Schaneman, Sullivan, Grabenstein, Kevin Harsch
December	4-5	2025	USGBC Meetings		Reiners
December	6-12	2025	USGBC United Export Strategy	Egypt	Hunnicutt
December	8-9	2025	SD-IA-NE Office Meeting	Sioux Falls, SD	Brunkhorst, Krohn, Groskopf, Lunz
December	8-11	2025	NCGA	St. Louis, MO	Nerud
December	8-11	2026	Corn Board Retreat	TBD	Nerud
December	10	2025	Tristate Policy	MO	Staff and Board Members

December	10-12	2025	NE Cattlemen Annual Convention & Trade Show	Kearney, NE	Grabenstein
January	7	2026	Media Training	York, NE	Staff and Board Members
January	8	2026	NeCGA Annual Meeting	York, NE	Staff and Board Members
January	12-15	2026	NCGA	Louisville, KY	Nerud, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Whitehair, Schaneman, Bookhout, Brunkhorst
January	20-23	2026	NCGA Leadership Academy Class	Washington, DC	Sullivan
January	19-23	2026	NCGA-LAIB	DC/Virginia	Krohn
January	28	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Grand Island, NE	Staff and Board Members
January	29	2026	Kansas Corn Symposium	Kansas	Nerud
February	2-4	2026	California Mission Trip	California	Sullivan, Grabenstein, Reiners, Krohn, Schaneman
February	1-7	2026	USGBC & NCGA Joint Trip		Reiners
February	9-13	2026	NeCGA DC Leadership	Washington, DC	
February	9-14	2026	USGBC Meetings	Panama City	Nerud, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Krohn, Sullivan, Whitehair, Schaneman, Brunkhorst, Reiners
February	11-13	2026	Growth Energy Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	Schaneman
February	24-26	2026	National Ethanol Conference		Schaneman
February-March	24-2	2026	Commodity Classic	San Antonio, TX	Nerud, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Sullivan, Brunkhorst, Bookhout, Schaneman, Whitehair
February	26-27	2026	Women in Ag	Kearney, NE	Bookhout

March	9-11	2026	NCGA	Washington, DC	Nerud
March	17-18	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the December, January, February, and March calendar.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: None*


*By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.*

### **ADJOURN**

- Finding no further business before the board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Hunnicutt adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

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

SUBMITTED BY,

Signed by:  
  
 12/8/2025  
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 Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Signed by:  
  
 12/8/2025  
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 Christy Meyer, Business Manager