



**Minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2025  
State Fair Boardroom  
Grand Island, Nebraska**

**January 28, 2025, Corn Board Meeting**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS**

Katherine Byrne, NeCGA Staff  
Bill Rolf, Retired Farmer  
Michael Bergen, Biofuels AT  
Anthony Edwards, NDA

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dan Nerud

**EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT**

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA  
Mark Stone UNL – BSE/IANR  
Nav Ghimire, UNL Extension  
Hector Santiago, UNL-IANR via Zoom  
Derek McLean, UNL-IANR via Zoom

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Jill Bookhout  
Payton Schaneman  
Rachael Whitehair  
Christy Meyer

### **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 Act and that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 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 January 28, 2026, meeting agenda.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Reiners, Groskopf, Krohn, Lunz, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Grabenstein*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

### **COMMITTEE MOTIONS**

- A motion was made to approve funding NIL by an additional \$5,000 under the communications NIL line.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Grabenstein, Krohn, Reiners, Sullivan, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Lunz, Schrock*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*
- A motion was made to approve funding E15 Sports in-state buy for \$97,074.24 from E15 unobligated in communications.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Lunz*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*
- A motion was made to reallocate funds from terminal renewable fuels, \$30,000 to SAF study and \$20,000 to in-state ethanol infrastructure. unobligated funds.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Lunz*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made to reallocate \$55,000 from in-state ethanol campaign to in-state ethanol infrastructure.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made to approve five (5) second-round applications for infrastructure grants from market development in-state ethanol infrastructure.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made to approve eleven (11) locations for NPMart from E15 replacement line item for a total of \$275,000.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

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

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Increasing Nebraska FFA Foundation Corporate sponsorship by \$10,000 to total \$17,350.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended FY 25-26 budget.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

*Aye: Sullivan, Lunz, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Hunnicutt*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: Reiners, Grabenstein*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 6 ayes, 2 abstain motion carried.*

**MINUTES**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from November 24-25, 2025, Board Meeting.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

**FISCAL REPORTS**

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

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent motions.

*A roll call vote was taken:*

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

*Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Not Present: Nerud*

*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

**CALENDAR/TRAVEL**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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, Schaneman
February	1-7	2026	USGBC & NCGA Joint Trip		Reiners
February	3-5	2026	CommonGround Planning	Minneapolis, MN	Bookhout
February	9-14	2026	USGBC Meetings	Panama City	Nerud, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Krohn, Sullivan, Whitehair, Schaneman, Brunkhorst, Reiners
February	18	2026	Renewable Fuels Summit	Lincoln, NE	Schaneman
February	24-28	2026	Commodity Classic	San Antonio, TX	Nerud, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Lunz, Sullivan Brunkhorst, Bookhout, Whitehair
February	25-26	2026	USFRA Annual Meeting	Nashville, TN	Grabenstein
March	9-11	2026	NCGA	Washington, DC	Nerud
March	17-18	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members
March	23-25	2026	Ag Cooperators Conference	Bangkok, Thailand	Grams, Reiners
March	23-25	2026	USGBC	Vietnam	Reiners
March	25-27	2026	State FFA	Lincoln, NE	All Staff and Board Members
March	25-27	2026	AFA	Nashville, TN	Bookhout
April	2	2026	Strategic America Planning	Des Moines, IA	Brunkhorst, Bookhout

April	5-11	2026	Global Industries	Istanbul, Turkey	Schaneman
April	9	2026	CommonGround Planning	York, NE	Bookhout, Luna
April	9-10	2026	PRX Annual Seminar	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
April	11-18	2026	USDA/DED Trade Mission	Philippines	Reiners
April	13-17	2026	ECO Energy	Franklin, TN	Schaneman
April	15-17	2026	NAMA	St. Louis, MO	Bookhout
April	27-29	2026	All State Staff	Atlanta, GA	All Staff
April	29-30	2026	Leading the New Frontiers		Whitehair, Brunkhorst, Lunz
May	18-21	2026	State Execs	Kentucky	Brunkhorst
May	20-22	2026	USMEF	Oklahoma City, OK	Schrock, Grabenstein, Bruntz, Schaneman
June	1-3	2026	Field to Market	Raleigh, NC	Whitehair, Hunnicutt
June	3-4	2026	USGBC	Washington, DC	Reiners
June	8-10	2026	Grains Council Retreat	Mexico City, Mexico	Reiners
June	16	2026	NCB/NeCGA Joint Meeting	TBD	Staff and Board Members
June	17	2026	Corn Board Meeting	TBD	Staff and Board Members
July	13-16	2026	NCGA	Washington, DC	

July	29-31	2026	USGBC	Milwaukee, WI	
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- A motion was made and seconded to approve the January-July calendar.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Krohn*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

**AWARDS**

- A motion was made and seconded to award Duane Kristensen the Ag Achievement Award.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Lunz*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

- A motion was made and seconded to award Timpte the 2026 Nebraska Corn Vision Award.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Groskopf, Lunz, Krohn, Sullivan, Reiners, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

**ADJOURN**

- A motion was made and seconded finding no further business before the board.  
Adjourned at 3:29 pm.  
*A roll call vote was taken:*  
*Aye: Krohn, Reiners, Lunz, Groskopf, Hunnicutt, Schrock, Grabenstein, Sullivan*  
*Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*  
*Not Present: Nerud*  
*By a vote of 8 ayes motion carried.*

SUBMITTED BY,

Signed by:



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Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Signed by:



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Christy Meyer, Business Manager