



Minutes of the meeting held March 17 & 18, 2026

March 17, 2026, Corn Board Meeting
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Dinsdale Family Learning Commons – Engler Room – DINS217
UNL East Campus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Jordan Harms, NeCGA
James Schnable, UNL
Clark Pickrel, NeCGA
Austin Kniss, NeCGA
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Warnar Schaneman, NeCGA
Andrew Schlichtemeier, NeCGA
Tom Nathan, NeCGA
Jason Lewis, NeCGA
Nathan Mueller, Contractor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Grabenstein

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Michael Dibbern, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Brunkhorst
Rachael Whitehair

CALL TO ORDER

The NCB meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm 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.

The Board heard research presentations and updates on current research projects. No formal decisions were made during the March 17, 2026, meeting.

Since there was no further business before the Board until March 18, 2026, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 4:30 pm.

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Lincoln, NE 68521**

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Sherry Vinton, NDA
Derek McClean, UNL
Hector Santiago, UNL

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Brunkhorst
Rachael Whitehair
Payton Schaneman
Jill Bookhout
Christy Meyer

GUESTS

Katherine Byrne, NeCGA Staff
Kaitlin Taylor, NeCGA Staff
Kurtis Harms, UNL LEAD
Warnar Schaneman, NeCGA
Dan Wesely
Michael Bergen, NeCGA
Jason Lewis, NeCGA/NCGA
Jim Bauman, NCGA
Joe Schuele, USMEF
Ashley Michels, USMEF
Steve Martin, AFAN
Jed Bower, NCGA (Zoom)
Cary Sifferath, USGBC (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The NCB meeting was called back 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 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 March 17 & 18, 2026, 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.

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules for first time funding proposals.
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.
- A motion was made and seconded to fund the Ag Coalition for USMCA through NCGA at \$100,000 from carryout.
A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Schrock, Grabenstein, Groskopf, Lunz, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Nerud, Sullivan, Krohn
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: None
By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to fund the Leading the New Frontier in BioEconomy event at \$10,000 Gold level from carryout.
A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Nerud, Schrock, Sullivan, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Krohn, Lunz
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: None
By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.

COMMITTEE MOTIONS

- A motion was made to fund Big Ten Tournament up to \$7,150 from E15 Sports 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 to change the Beatrice location for NP Mart to the Wahoo NP Mart location in the E15 Infrastructure grant.
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 to allocate \$15,000 to the E98 John Deere ethanol tractor trailer out of ethanol trade research unobligated.
A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Lunz, Reiners, Krohn, Nerud, Groskopf, Grabenstein, Sullivan, Schrock, Hunnicutt
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 January and February 2026 fiscal reports as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

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

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 the January 2026, Board Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: None

By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
March	17-18	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members
March	23-25	2026	Ag Cooperators Conference	Bangkok, Thailand	Grams
March	23-25	2026	USGBC	Vietnam	Reiners
March	25-27	2026	State FFA	Lincoln, NE	All Staff and Board Members

March	24-27	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, Lunz
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	14-17	2026	US Red Meat Symposium Trade Team	Mexico City, Mexico	Grabenstein
April	15-17	2026	NAMA	St. Louis, MO	Bookhout
April	21	2026	Yeutter Institute/CME	Lincoln, NE	Whitehair
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	9-11	2026	NCGA	TBD	
June	9-11	2026	National CommonGround Conference	Indianapolis, IN	Bookhout
June	18	2026	Corn Board Meeting	TBD	Staff and Board Members
June	23	2026	NeCGA/NCB Joint Meeting	Kearney	Staff and Board Members
July	29-30	2026	CommonGround National Planning	Atlanta, GA	Bookhout
July	29-31	2026	USGBC	Milwaukee, WI	Reiners, Nerud, Schrock, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Groskopf, Brunkhorst, Schaneman, Whitehair

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the March-July calendar.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None


Not Present: None

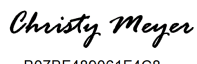
By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Adjourned at 2:51 pm.
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.

SUBMITTED BY,

Signed by:

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Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Signed by:

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Christy Meyer, Business Manager