



Minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2026

June 18, 2026, Corn Board Meeting
Bruning Bank
601 N Webb Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Dave Merrell, NeCGA
Hannah Burnside, NDA (Zoom)
Hector Santiago, UNL

GUESTS

Katherine Byrne, NeCGA Staff
Kaitlin Taylor, NeCGA Staff
Dan Wesely, Farmer
Michael Bergen, NeCGA
Austin Kniss, Farmer
Justin McMechan, UNL Entomology

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Brunkhorst
Rachael Whitehair
Payton Schaneman
Jill Bookhout
Christy Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

The NCB meeting was called back to order at 9:00 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 the June 18, 2026, meeting agenda.
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, 1 not present motion carried.

COMMITTEE MOTIONS FY 25-26

- A motion was made to fund a RFA flex fuel hybrid project from ethanol trade research unobligated for \$15,000.
A roll call vote was taken:
Aye: Sullivan, Lunz, Groskopf, Schrock, Krohn, Reiners, Hunnicutt, Grabenstein
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Not Present: Nerud
By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 not present motion carried.
- A motion was made to fund the Upside app for E15 through Growth Energy for \$250,000 from the E15 Promotion App line item.
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, 1 not present motion carried.
- A motion was made to approve a Breaktime Mainstream Project E15 conversion through Growth Energy at \$150,000 from E15 Replacement line item.
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, 1 not present motion carried.

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules for first time funding proposals and take action on these 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.

BUDGET FY 26-27

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the National Corn Growers Association budget.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

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 U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council budget.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Reiners

Not Present: None

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

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the U.S. Meat Export Federation budget.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Grabenstein

Not Present: None

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

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the full 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.

PETITIONS

- A motion was made and seconded to accept District 2 and District 3 Director petitions to forward to the Governor after receiving verification from the FSA office.

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.

MINUTES

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 2026, Board Meeting.

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.

FISCAL REPORTS

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

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.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent motions as presented.
 - Fund the NSAA Boys Baseball Tournament Coverage on 93.7 The Ticket for \$1,200 from Communications Unobligated.
 - Fund Husker Baseball Sponsorship for two baseball games on Nebraska Public Media at \$1,600 from Communications Unobligated.
 - Fund for Husker Softball in the NCAA tournament on 93.7 The Ticket at \$1,000 from Communications Unobligated.
 - Fund the Get E15 iHeart Radio Promotion at \$10,000 from Colorado Front Range Program in Market Development.
 - Fund the Maritime Research Study from Renewable Fuel Association for \$10,000 from Ethanol Trade Research Unobligated.

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.

CALENDAR/TRAVEL

MONTH	DATES	YEAR	PURPOSE	LOCATION	APPROVED
June	18	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Grand Island, NE	Staff and Board Members
June	23	2026	NCB/NeCGA Joint Meeting	Kearney, NE	Staff and Board Members
June	29-30	2026	NCGA Ethanol Meeting	St. Louis, MO	Schaneman, Brunkhorst
July	8	2026	NAYI	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members
July	12-16	2026	NCGA	Washington, DC	Nerud, Krohn, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Brunkhorst, Bookhout, Schaneman, Whitehair
July	15-16	2026	AgTech Connect	Lincoln, NE	Lunz, Whitehair
July	25-31	2026	Governor's Trade Mission	Philippines	Krohn
July	28-29	2026	Nourish the Future	Lincoln, NE	
July/August	27-1	2026	USGBC	Milwaukee, WI	Reiners, Nerud, Schrock, Hunnicutt, Sullivan, Groskopf, Brunkhorst, Schaneman, Whitehair

August	12	2026	Corn Board Meeting	York or Grand Island, NE	Staff and Board Members
August	31	2026	Senator Ricketts Issues Forum	Grand Island, NE	
September	2	2026	Beef Pit	Grand Island, NE	Staff and Board Members
September	6-13	2026	USMEF Heartland Team Trade Mission	Tokyo, Japan	Groskopf
September	9-10	2026	USGBC Board Meeting		Reiners
September	15-17	2026	Husker Harvest Days	Grand Island, NE	Staff and Board Members
September	16-17	2026	USFRA Board Meeting	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	Grabenstein
September	21-22	2026	Ag Outlook Forum	Kansas City, MO	Brunkhorst
September/October	28-1	2026	NCGA Water Quality	Des Moines, IA	Whitehair
September	28-29	2026	Nebraska Governor's Summit	Kearney, NE	All Board Members, Brunkhorst
September	28-30	2026	RFA Annual Meeting	Kansas City, MO	Schaneman
October	17-19	2026	USGBC Export Exchange	Seattle, WA	Schaneman
October	27-29	2026	NCGA Exec Meeting	Deadwood, SD	Brunkhorst
November	11-13	2026	USMEF	Palm Springs, CA	Schaneman, Brunkhorst, Groskopf, Lunz
November	16-19	2026	Sustainable Ag Summit and Field to Market	Fort Worth, TX	Whitehair
November	23	2026	NCB/NeCGA Joint Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members

November	24	2026	Corn Board Meeting	Lincoln, NE	Staff and Board Members	
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- A motion was made and seconded to approve the calendar.

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.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

- A motion was made and seconded to agree to a MOA with Jay Reiners as he serves in leadership with U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council to cover expenses connected with his position.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Reiners

Not Present: None

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

- A motion was made and seconded to agree to a MOA with Brandon Hunnicutt as he serves in an advisory team leadership with U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council to cover expenses connected with his position.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Hunnicutt

Not Present: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session at 3:21 p.m.

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 exit executive session at 3:55 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Not Present: None

By a vote of 9 ayes motion carried.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Nay: Reiners, Hunnicutt

Abstain: None

Not Present: None

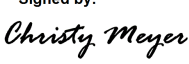
By a vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

Signed by:

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Ted Schrock, Secretary/Treasurer

Signed by:

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Christy Meyer, Business Manager