

Nebraska Corn Board
Minutes of the Meeting Held August 13, 2009
Cornhusker Marriot, Lincoln, NE

AGENDA:

Attached is the agenda for this meeting, held August 13, 2009. Following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during this meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Holzfaster, Chairman
Mark Jagels
Tim Scheer
David Nielsen
Alan Tiemann
Dennis Gengenbach
David Merrell
Bob Dickey
Curt Friesen

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT:

Brandon Hunnicutt, NeCGA
Dan Duncan, UNL

STAFF PRESENT:

Randy Klein
Kelly Brunkhorst
Janet Miller
Don Hutchens
Susan Zabel
Paige Bek, Intern
Austin Zimmerman, Intern

VISITORS:

Paul Johnson, Farm Bureau
Michael Kelsey, NE Cattlemen

Ron Preston, CleanFlex

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Jon Holzfaster, Chair. The chairman 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.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

New Officers for FY 09-10:

Alan Tiemann, Chairman
Dennis Gengenbach, Vice Chairman
Tim Scheer, Secretary/Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve fiscal reports for June & July 2009.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous ayes by members present; motion carried.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made *not* to advance the Midwest Governors Association request to first –time funding.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous ayes by members present; motion carried.

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules and discuss the funding request from the Illinois Corn Growers.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approved the funding request from the Illinois Corn Growers in the amount of \$7,500, out of unobligated funds.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made *not* to advance the Growth Energy funding request to second-time funding.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Merrell, Tiemann, Dickey, Holzfaster, Nielsen, Scheer, Gengenbach, Jagels, Friesen
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SECOND-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to table the Center for Food Integrity funding request until the next meeting to clarify details with A-Fan.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Tiemann, Dickey, Holzfaster, Nielsen, Scheer, Gengenbach, Jagels
Nay: Friesen, Merrell
By a vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to fund the CleanFlex Power Systems funding request in the amount of \$40,000, out of unobligated funds.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Merrell
Nay: Friesen, Tiemann, Holzfaster, Nielsen, Scheer, Gengenbach, Jagels
Abstain: Dickey
By a vote of 1 aye, 7 nays, motion failed.

- ▶ A motion was made to fund the CleanFlex Power Systems funding request in the amount of \$20,000, out of unobligated funds.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Holzfaster, Merrell, Friesen, Scheer

Nay: Jagels, Tiemann, Gengenbach, Nielsen

Abstain: Dickey

By a vote of 4 ayes, 4 nays, motion failed.

Strategic planning begin at 12:00 pm with a joint session with the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Corn Growers Association. The following individuals joined us at that time:

Ginger Langmeier, Dept of Ag
Joel Grams, NeCGA
Larry Mussack, NeCGA
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Greg Whitmore, NeCGA
Scott Merritt, NeCGA
Dennis Scamehorn, NeCGA
Lynn Chrisp, NeCGA

Brandon Hunnicut, NeCGA
Steve Wiese, NeCGA
Randy Urmacher, NeCGA
Elgin Bergt, NeCGA
Joel High, NeCGA
Mat Habrock, NCB/NeCGA
Carl Sousek, NeCGA

ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried

SUBMITTED BY,

Tim Scheer, Secretary/Treasurer

Janet Miller, Business Manager

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Strategic Planning session re-convened at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m. Growers present:

Brandon Hunnicutt, NeCGA
Steve Wiese, NeCGA
Randy Urmacher, NeCGA
Steve Ebke, NeCGA
Joel High, NeCGA
Scott Merritt, NeCGA

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CORNSTALK QUARTERLY REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to distribute the Cornstalk (8-Page tab) quarterly in the Nebraska Farmer and allow one article from the ex-officios, instead of the full insert provided in the past.

A motion was made to amend the main motion – to reduce the issues down to three issues per year and not provide the insert to ex-officios.

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

The main motion reads:

A motion was made to distribute the Cornstalk (8-Page tab) three times per year in the Nebraska Farmer and not provide the insert to the ex-officios.

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

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS

- ▶ A motion was made to provide a grant of \$40,000 to the Nebraska Corn Growers Association to hire a contract employee to enhance field services and programs, out of unobligated funds. Also, gradually cut back to one intern in the Corn Board office.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Tiemann, Dickey, Holzfaster, Merrell, Gengenbach, Friesen, Nielsen, Jagels

Absent: Scheer

By a vote of 8 ayes, no nays, motion.

TRAVEL/CALENDAR

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the following travel/calendar:

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

- August 17-18, 2009 – Proexporter, KC - Approved to attend: Brunkhorst, Klein
- August 25-26, 2009 – NCGA Land Use meeting, MO - Approved to attend: Brunkhorst, Klein, Scheer, Holzfaster
- August 28-September 3, 2009 – NE State Fair – Approved to attend: All
- September 2-3, 2009 – USGC BOD Meeting – Approved to attend: Tiemann
- September 8, 2009 – NCB & NeCGA Joint Meeting – Approved to attend: All
- November 11-13, 2009 – USMEF Mtg in Denver – Approved to attend: Jagels
- November 18, 2009 – NCB Meeting TENTATIVE – Approved to attend: All

ADJOURNMENT

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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

SUBMITTED BY,

Tim Scheer, Secretary/Treasurer

Janet Miller, Business Manager