



Minutes of the Meeting Held June 9th & 10th, 2011
Fairfield Inn & Heartland Events Center, Grand Island, NE

AGENDA:

Attached is the agenda for this meeting, held **June 9, 2011**. Following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during this meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT:

Dan Duncan, UNL
Carl Sousek, NeCGA

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Kelsey Pope
Don Hutchens
Janet Miller
Kim Clark

NeCGA Members:

Brandon Hunnicutt
Scott Merritt
Mat Habrock
Steve Ebke
Brenda Zanga
Rick Gruber
Jim Hultman

Dan Wesely
Larry Mussack
Greg Whitmore
Dennis Schamehorn
Curtis Rohrich
Paul Cernik

Jay Reiners
Steve Nelson
Elgin Bergt
Andy Jobman
Tom Nathan
Dan Nerud

Visitors:

Congressman Adrian Smith
Deb VanMeter, Smith's GI office

CALL TO ORDER:

The joint (NCB & NeCGA) meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Alan Tiemann, Chairman and Carl Sousek, Chairman of the NeCGA. Tiemann 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.

No action was taken. Staff and Committee reports were given.

Joint meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

NCB traveled to the Heartlands Events Center.

AGENDA:

Attached is the agenda for this meeting, held **June 10, 2011**. Following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during this meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT:

Dan Duncan, UNL
Carl Sousek, NeCGA
Bobbie Wickham, Dept of Ag

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Brunkhorst
Kelsey Pope
Don Hutchens
Janet Miller
Kim Clark
Lance Atwater, Intern

Visitors:

Kevin Kenny
Willow Holubek, AFAN
Paul Johnston, Farm Bureau

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Alan Tiemann, Chairman. 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 amended.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to transfer \$1,442.28, out of unobligated, into the NE Pork Producers line item under In-State programs.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal report for March, April & May 2011.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the 1.5% pay increases for Corn Board staff and Executive Director, with the exception of staff covered by the union contract.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

2011-2012 BUDGET

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the 2011-2012 budget based on 9 million acres harvested and yield of 170 bushels per acre.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the administration budget in the amount of \$626,098.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Promotion/Education budget in the amount of \$138,900.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the budget for 2011-2012. (attached)
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Holzfaster, Jagels, Nielsen, Merrell, Tiemann, Gengenbach, Scheer, Friesen, Dickey
Nay: none
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

MISC. MOTIONS

- ▶ A motion was made to hold the Growers (NeCGA) more accountable when they are using checkoff dollars. NeCGA is to adhere to the same cost and reimbursement policies as NCB. NeCGA is to use the same expense documents for reimbursements as NCB. NeCGA is to work with NCB in developing the agenda for the WDC leadership program.

An amendment to the motion was made to remove the following wording from the main motion: NeCGA is to work with NCB in developing the agenda for the WDC leadership program.

A roll call was taken:

Aye: Merrell, Nielsen, Friesen, Dickey, Gengenbach

Nay: Scheer, Jagels, Holzfaster, Tiemann

By a vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, motion carried.

MAIN MOTION:

A motion was made to hold the Growers (NeCGA) more accountable when they are using checkoff dollars. NeCGA is to adhere to the same cost and reimbursement policies as NCB. NeCGA is to use the same expense documents for reimbursements as NCB.

A roll call was taken:

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

Nay: none

By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.

BOARD PETITIONS

- ▶ A motion was made to forward a letter to the Governor that Districts 2 & 3 applicants have met the criteria based on the Rules & Regulations of the Corn Resource Act.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried
- ▶ A motion was made to approve Alan Tiemann as the At-Large Director, as he has met the criteria based on the Rules & Regulations of the Corn Resource Act.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss the Beef Quality funding request.
A voice vote was taken; 6 ayes and 2 nays by members present; motion carried.

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Beef Quality funding request in the amount of \$1,000, out of unobligated funds.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Holzfaster, Jagels, Nielsen, Merrell, Tiemann, Gengenbach, Scheer
Nay: Friesen
Absent: Dickey
By a vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss the Economic Development Reverse Trade Mission funding request.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to not fund the Economic Development Reverse Trade Mission funding request.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Holzfaster, Nielsen, Merrell, Tiemann, Gengenbach, Scheer, Dickey, Friesen
Nay: Jagels
By a vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

TRAVEL/CALENDAR

- ▶ A motion was made to send Don McCabe, John Willoughby & Bill Schuster as NCB representatives on the USMEF Mission to Japan - July 5 – 12, 2011. Up to \$3,000 for travel expenses per representative, out of international missions.
A roll call was taken:
Aye: Holzfaster, Nielsen, Merrell, Tiemann, Gengenbach, Scheer, Dickey, Friesen, Jagels
Nay: none
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the following travel/calendar:
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.
 - June 13-16, 2011 – 25 x 25 Meeting in CA – Appr: Dickey
 - June 14-17, 2011 – NCGA BOD Meeting - Appr: Holzfaster
 - June 15-17, 2011 – NCGA A-Team Meeting, OH – Appr: Friesen
 - July 5-12, 2011 – USMEF Japan – Appr: Pope
 - July 11-15, 2011 – NCGA Corn Congress, A-Team & BOD Meetings – Appr: Nielsen, Holzfaster, Scheer, Gengenbach, Dickey, Friesen, Clark, Miller, Hutchens
 - July 24-27, 2011 – USGC BOD – CA – Appr: Tiemann, Dickey, Merrell, Brunkhorst
 - July 25-27, 2011 – USMEF BOD – Appr: Jagels
 - Aug 1-5, 2011 – NCGA Leadership Academy – Appr: Scheer
 - August 12, 2011 – NCB Board Meeting – Approved: All

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m.
A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY,

Tim Scheer, Secretary/Treasurer

Janet Miller, Business Manager