



**Minutes of the Meeting Held March 10, 2015  
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE**

The following are motions and formal decisions made by the Board during the March 10, 2015 meeting:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tim Scheer, Chairman  
Alan Tiemann  
Debbie Borg  
John Greer  
Dennis Gengenbach  
Brandon Hunnicutt  
Jon Holzfaster  
David Merrell  
David Bruntz

**EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT:**

Larry Mussack, NeCGA

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelly Brunkhorst  
Emily Thornburg  
Boone McAfee  
Janet Miller  
Kim Clark  
Morgan Zumpfe

**VISITORS:**

Dave Buchholz, D&A  
Scott Merritt, NeCGA  
Rick Koelsch, UNL Extension

John Hinners, USMEF  
Lyndsey Erb-Sharkey, USGC  
David Bracht, NE Energy Office

Chris Novak, NCGA  
Todd Sneller, Ethanol  
Steve Ebke, NeCGA

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The NCB meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Tim Scheer, Chairman. Scheer 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 from the January 7, 2015 meeting, as presented.  
*A voice vote was taken; 9 ayes by members present; motion carried.*

#### FISCAL REPORT

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the fiscal reports for December 2014 & January 2015.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

#### FIRST-TIME FUNDING

- ▶ A motion was made to move AFAN, AFA, Department of AG, LEAD, AG in the Classroom, Prairie Loft, NAYI, USAPEEC, DED, and NE Pork Producers funding requests to second time funding.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to suspend the rules to discuss first-time funding request from the Corn Farmers Coalition Smithsonian program.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund the (NCGA) Corn Farmers Coalition for the Smithsonian program in the amount of 10,000, out of unobligated, contingent upon full funding.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

#### COST OF LIVING

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the cost of living increase of 2.25% for all Staff and Executive Director, effective July 1, 2015.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

MISCELLANEOUS

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the sponsorship of the New York City Beef Promotion Event from the NE Department of Agriculture on April 9 & 10, 2015, in the amount of \$2,000, out of livestock promotions.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

BIOFUELS COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made out of committee to approve up to \$71,000, out of Ethanol promotions and education line item to partner with American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest on the Nebraska Ethanol Marketing Program with project to continue through June 30, 2016 and re-evaluate partnership with fiscal year 2016/2017.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve funding for the Omaha Project Phase II from the Nebraska Ethanol Industry Coalition, in the amount of \$40,000, out of the Biofuels Ethanol Promotions line item, along with having a seat on the advisory committee.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Bruntz, Tiemann, Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Hunnicutt, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

MARKET DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- ▶ A motion was made to approve and fund a second printing of the UNL corn nitrogen slide rule calculator, in the amount of \$7,575.00, out of Market Development and Research Unobligated.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- ▶ A motion was made to approve the Management of Atrazine and HPPD-Inhibiting Herbicide-Resistant Palmer Amaranth in Nebraska Field and Seed Corn Production project proposed by Amit Jhala, in the amount of \$47,246 out of Market Development and Research Unobligated.  
*A roll call was taken:  
Aye: Borg, Scheer, Gengenbach, Merrell, Greer, Holzfaster, Tiemann, Hunnicutt, Bruntz  
By a vote of 9 ayes, no nays, motion carried*

TRAVEL/CALENDAR

- ▶ A motion was made to approve the following travel/calendar:  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*
- March 11-13, 2015 – NCGA Corn Vision – Appr: McAfee, Hunnicutt, Greer
  - March 16-20, 2015 – NCGA CB Meetings – Approved: Holzfaster, Brunkhorst
  - March 23-24, 2015 – ACE Fly In- WDC – Approved: Clark, Holzfaster
  - April 9-10, 2015 – Dept of Ag New York Event – Approved: Holzfaster
  - April 11-18, 2015 – USGC World Staff-Amsterdam – Approved: Brunkhorst
  - April 28-30, 2015 – NCGA State Staff – St Louis – Approved: All staff
  - May 18-21, 2015 – State Executives Meeting – Kentucky – Approved: Brunkhorst
  - May 20-22, 2015 – USMEF Mtg, San Antonio, TX – Appr: McAfee, Scheer, Bruntz
  - June 1-4, 2015 – Corn Vision Meetings – Approved: Borg, Merrell, Holzfaster
  - June 3-5, 2015 – USGC BOD, Kentucky – Approved: Tiemann
  - June 5-6, 2015 – Cattlemens Ball – Approved: all
  - June 10-12, 2015 – NE Cattlemens Midyear – Approved: All
  - June 15-19, 2015 – Corn Vision Meetings – Appr: Gengenbach, Greer, Hunnicutt
  - June 22-26, 2015 – USGC Mission to Cuba - Appr: Tiemann
  - June 22-23 OR 29-30, 2015 – NCB Meeting – Appr: All
  - July 13-16, 2015 – NCGA Corn Congress, WDC – Appr: All
  - July 27-29, 2015 – USGC Montreal–Appr: Tiemann, Hunnicutt, Bruntz,  
Brunkhorst, Clark, McAfee

ADJOURN

- ▶ A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.  
*A voice vote was taken; unanimous aye by members present; motion carried.*

SUBMITTED BY,

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Dennis Gengenbach, Secretary/Treasurer

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Janet Miller, Business Manager