

Nebraska Wheat Board
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2008
Sidney, NE

Board Members Present

Chris Cullan, Hemingford- Chairperson
Rick Larson, Potter
Dan Hughes, Venango
Brent Robertson, Elsie
Larry Flohr, Chappell
Delferd Schlake, Blue Springs
Von Johnson, Cambridge

Ex-Officio Member Present

Jeff Noel representing Dan Duncan UNL

Guests

Scott Osler- President NWGA
Mike Keenan
Ashley Colglazier

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Ellen Leibbrandt, Intern

Chairperson Cullan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Procedures for the Fee Collection program were re-opened for discussion. **Rick moved to approve the fee collection program procedures. Larry seconded. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.**

Schaneman opened the floor up for discussion about how the financials are currently being presented and if any changes are requested. Larry requested that numbers taken from more other pages would be specified.

Audit report was presented. Schaneman pointed areas that the auditor requested to be addressed. These areas included: check and balance system, inventory, and hours spent laboring.

The Oath of Office was read by Brent. Dan, Brent, and Larry all swore to the oath and the paperwork was signed.

Hong Kong Beef and Wheat promotion was given \$2000 from the Wheat Board for use of wheat products. Schaneman updated the board that the promotion went well.

Overseas Varietal Analysis Project was reviewed by Schaneman.

Latin American Trade Team Media sponsorship budgeted \$1500. No new information was given.

Delferd gave a report on the Nebraska Ethanol Producers Reception. An idea was presented that functions such as this would be good for the growers also.

Delferd reported on PGI that was held in Kansas. Focus was on getting more value for U.S. Gulf tributary wheat. Discussion if on if a plant was brought to Nebraska was discussed. Board encouraged the program. Ag product promotion was discussed. Six boards would benefit. Trying to get promotion booth at the Sate Fair—waiting for commitment.

SCAB Initiative was reviewed by Royce. He reported that the research is very technical but seems very insightful.

Grain production award is supported by the Wheat Board at the State FFA Convention. Review of the convention was given by Royce.

Wheat Marketing Center report was presented by Chris. Positive information was presented. Having elevator operators attend informational meeting would be good to look at.

Wheat Technology Reports were reviewed. Schaneman pointed that the reports are in the individual notebooks for reference. Larry questioned if the clinic would move next year to a new location.

R&D Fees from the University were discussed. Jeff stated that \$36,342.17 is the current amount of total funds generated and it shouldn't change until the end of the year, however this number is projected to continue to grow.

First readings for Funding Proposals were reviewed. Mention of the government taking money from the Wheat Board reserve was discussed. Further discussion was on what to do with the cash reserve number. Larry proposed that based on the biennium budget the board should be able to increase reserve by \$100,000. **Larry moved that the board's reserved balance be increased from \$350,000 to \$450,000. Rick Seconded.** Dan continued discussion about setting the cash reserve before budgeting for the next year. **Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.**

Dan discussed suspending the rules of the first readings to give the board flexibility and waive everything listed to speed up meeting, thus focusing on building the budget for next year. **Dan moved to suspend rule for contracts listed on the agenda and that we waive the second reading. Seconded by Larry. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, no; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.**

The Board discussed supporting the Bread 'n Jam Festival. Response was in favor to support this at a fund of \$600. Discussion followed on the previous contracts of NE Feed and Grain Container shipping and Promoting HWW as an ingredient. **Von moved to extend both contracts and continue to fund the NE Feed and Grain Container Shipping Study at \$15,000 and the Promoting HWW contract at \$33,084, but not to exceed this set limit. Seconded by Rick. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion on a Wheat Board Scholarship and where to focus the attention followed. Thoughts were pointing towards sponsoring a scholarship at a specific major and preference for a student that would stay in Nebraska. This topic was tabled.

USW- STRE event for world staff conference was looked at. Idea was tabled.

Motion has been made by Rick to move into executive session. Seconded by Von. All in favor. Motion carried.

Larry moved to give Royce a 4.5% cost of living increase effective July 1, 2008. Delferd seconded. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.

Dan recommended that each board member comes up with two or more goals that will be emailed to Chris or himself prior to the next meeting. These goals would be addressed at the next meeting.

Brent made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Dan seconded. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan to authorize the executive director to develop the biennium budget request for FY 09/10 and FY 10/11. Seconded by Brent. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.

The next meeting was set for August 19, 2008 in North Platte at the Hampton Hotel. Tentative time is set for 9:00 a.m. CST.

Delferd made the motion to approve travel. Seconded by Larry. Voice vote: Brent, yes; Dan, yes; Chris, yes; Delferd, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. Motion carried.

Updated photos and bios were requested from each member of the board to be added to the website.

Coming up with ideas were encouraged for the hard white wheat incentive program.

With no further information brought before the board, **Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brent. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

Submitted by: Ellen Leibbrandt