

Nebraska Wheat Board Meeting
March 5, 2014
Hampton Inn – Kearney

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director

Ex-Officio

Jeff Noel, UNL

Guests Present

Katie Hofmann, BNSF Railway
Bob Storant, Dept of Ag
Bobbi Kritz-Wickham, Dept of Ag

8:00 am

Roll Call/Crop Condition Report

Von reported crop is in good condition, short on moisture only 6 inches of snow all winter.

Rick – disappointing. Later than usual planting lots of blowing and wind damage, good snow cover lately of 12 inches.

Chris – Cold and windy conditions. Conventional farmers have lots of blowing issues.

Dan – Crop is in good shape. Recent snow has helped. Wind is a big concern.

Delferd – Short on moisture. Later than normal planting led to less than normal growth going into winter.

Brent – Crop looks good. Had snow cover through most of the extreme cold temperatures. Need subsoil moisture.

Larry – Condition is good. Had good moisture at planting. Wind has been bad. Lots of tillage due to blowing. Some of the crop has been destroyed in effort to stop blowing. Snow of 14 inches lately may have saved the crop.

Approve Agenda – Dan moved Larry 2nd voice vote passed.

Introduction of guests: Katie Hoffmann from BNSF and Bob Storant from NDA.

Approved Minutes – Larry moved Brent 2nd voice vote passed.

Approve Financial Report – Chris moved Delferd 2nd voice vote passed.

Katie Hoffmann BNSF commented and took questions on: Why different commodities have different rail rates, car availability issues and car premiums?.

Repos –

Dan – USW report talked about budget issues related to farm bill implementation. He also reported on his travel to Lima, Peru for the 31st Latin American Millers Conference.

Chris – WMC reported on upcoming election of officers and we need to appoint a new member to the WMC board.

Rick – Reported on the Portland Export Seminar. Excellent trip overall.

Brent – WFC, Michigan Wheat and the Tortilla Association are new members.

Delferd – No PGI report

Grower Report –

Michael gave a report of grower activities and an update of commodity classic activities. Paul Penner was elected the new President of NAWG and David Schemm of Kansas was elected to Secretary/Treasurer to start through the chairs.

University Report –

Jeff Noel – Reported on the Henry J. Stumpf International Wheat Center research facility at Grant and the new building at the High Plains Ag Lab. Jeff also discussed the intentions for the Fall seed Guide and potential of Hard White Wheat seed production.

During lunch Brent presented his pictures from his USW trip to Africa and Europe.

Motion by Chris to take \$2,500 from unobligated funds to sponsor the GAWH movie premiere question and answer session. Larry 2nd. Roll Call vote, Yes – Larry, Rick, Chris. No – Brent, Von, Dan, Delferd. Motion failed.

Motion by Dan to take \$1,000 from unobligated funds to sponsor the GAWH movie premiere. Rick 2nd. Roll Call vote, Yes – Delferd, Rick, Von, Larry, Dan. No – Chris, Brent. Motion Passed.

Motion by Brent to take not more than \$1,500 from unobligated funds for Judi Adams expenses from Colorado to Nebraska to participate in the Omaha Health Expo to work the booth. Rick 2nd. Roll Call vote Yes – Brent, Delferd, Dan, Larry, Chris, Rick, Von. Motion Passed.

Motion by Dan to move all funding proposals to second reading. Larry 2nd. Voice vote passed.

Motion to Approve Travel by Brent, Dan 2nd voice vote motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn by Dan, Brent 2nd voice vote, motion passed. 3:30 pm