

**NWB Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2013
NWB Office/Conference Call**

Board Present

Rick Larson, Potter (phone)
Dan Hughes, Venango (phone)
Von Johnson, Cambridge
Delferd Schlake, Blue Springs (phone)
Brent Robertson, Elsie (phone)

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Caroline Brauer, Ag Promotion Coordinator

Ex-Officio

Jeff Noel, UNL

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am, and the Open Meetings Law was made available. Roll call was taken.

Board reviewed the agenda. **Dan moved to approve the agenda; Rick seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

The board reviewed minutes of the previous meeting. **Brent moved to approve the minutes; Rick seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

The board reviewed the financials. **Rick moved to approve the financials; Dan seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Dan provided an update on US Wheat Associates and the staff that had been moved out of the Cairo, Egypt office. As of now, only U.S. citizens have been moved out of the office, the local staff is still there.

Royce provided a report on the Mexican miller that PGI is attempting to connect with a few Nebraska grain elevators.

The board discussed gifting Noel Vietmeyer's book on Norman Borlaug, including the purchasing of one case and determining FFA chapter interest in the book.

The board discussed SPS surveys, and how and why the testing is conducted in Nebraska.

The board discussed the new state fair building plans and how Nebraska Wheat would fit into the new building and displays.

The board discussed the events calendar. Office was tasked with examining the options for doing Bake & Take during the Governor's Ag Conference. The board discussed meeting with Congressmen a day before the USW/NAWG meetings in Washington, DC. The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2014. **Delferd moved to approve the calendar; Brent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Dan moved to adjourn; Brent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.