

**NWB Meeting Minutes
Hampton Inn, Grand Island
August 21, 2014**

Board Members Present

Bob Delsing, Hemingford
Rick Larson, Potter
Larry Flohr, Chappell
Dan Hughes, Venango
Von Johnson, Cambridge
Steve Weise, Wilber
Brent Robertson, Elsie

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman
Caroline Brauer

Ex Officio

Jeff Noel, Husker Genetics

Guests

Michael Thomas Jr.

Meeting called to order at 8:06 am. Open meetings act made available. New members, Bob Delsing and Steve Weise sworn in and introductions of the board were made.

Amend the agenda to include the Oath of Office, committee appointments, and election of officers. Need to add WMC meeting to the calendar.

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

Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. **Dan moved to approve the May minutes as presented; Brent seconded.**

Board reviewed the financials. Board discussed two UNL contracts that, due to weather conditions, were unable to complete projects in the prior fiscal year. **Rick moved to approve the financials; Bob seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Group reviewed the excise tax compliance reports.

Michael Thomas Jr., presented an update on NWGA. Mark Spurgin is the newest board member for the organization. Baking Lab was at the Chase County Fair. The next golf tournament will be Sept. 8 at Ogallala. Three members will attend the fall conference and Michael will be attending the WILOT program.

NWB supported a variety brochure to be published which was presented. The new assistant dean and director for ARD was appointed Aug. 1: Hector Santiago. NWB will soon collect R&D fees on barley and triticale research that has been supported.

Dan provided a USW update. Julia Debes has resigned her full time position, but will work part time to produce the articles of interest under contract with USW. Some bylaw change recommendations, regarding election of officers, will likely be brought up during the fall meeting. The strike at the Portland ports may soon be coming to an end.

For WMC, board discussed needing to arrange a new delegate to attend the meetings.

Brent provided an update on WFC. They had the Wheat Safari at the start of August, where they brought in 25 of the nation's top wheat and nutrition blogs, programs and outlets and showed them the practices used to get wheat from the farm to flour and food.

Royce provided an update on PGI. NWB will need to appoint a new representative to the PGI board as well.

Royce provided a report on the two trade teams hosted. The Nigerian team spent the majority of the time in western Nebraska. The visit went well. They continue to maintain a high interest in white wheat. The group from Taiwan was a pretty small group, and they spent the majority of their time in southeast Nebraska. They discussed wanting container shipments.

Board reviewed the contractor reports and office correspondence.

Board discussed potential for buying into a USW international board trip and the benefits of prior attendance and participation in similar trips.

Larry moved to join the Common Sense, seconded by Brent. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board discussed issues with logistics and railroad movement issues for moving grain.

Board discussed several funding proposals.

Larry moved to fund the Brazilian Marketing and Wheat Purchasing workshop at \$22,500; Dan seconded. Roll call vote: Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Dan, yes; Von, yes; Steve, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Brent moved to approve the June minutes as presented; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board moved to election of officers. **Dan nominated Rick for chairman; Larry seconded. Opened the floor for other nominations. Bob moved to cease nominations; Larry seconded. Voice vote, nominations closed. Voice vote, Rick elected chairman.**

Larry nominated Brent for vice chair, Bob seconded. Von moved to cease nominations. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board expressed appreciation for Von's service as chairman.

Board moved on to committee appointments:

- PGI – Larry
- Stem Sawfly – Rick
- WMC – Von
- US Wheat – Rick and Brent
- 25x25 – Steve

Board discussed upcoming travel and events. Additions to the calendar included a WMC meeting in October, the TMCO open house on October 22-24, the next NWB meeting to be held November 21, the NWB/NWGA/TMCO tailgate event on November 22. Brent moved to approve travel; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting moved to the state fair grounds as board members assisted in preparation of the kitchen for the Nebraska State Fair and cinnamon roll baking.

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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