

**NWB Board Meeting
Hampton Inn, Grand Island, NE
August 27, 2015**

Board Members Present

Bob Delsing, Hemingford, Absent
Rick Larson, Potter
Larry Flohr, Chappell
Kent Lorens, Stratton
Von Johnson, Cambridge
Brent Robertson, Elsie

Ex-Officio

Jeff Noel, UNL

Staff

Royce Schaneman
Caroline Brauer
Margo McKendree

Guests

Hector Santiago, UNL
Dipak Santra, UNL

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. The Open Meetings Act was made available and roll call was taken.

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

Board reviewed the resignation letter from Steve Wiese. **Kent moved to approve the resignation of Steve Wiese; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed the minutes. The date and location of the meeting needed to be amended to reflect May 28, 2015 and in Gothenburg. **Larry moved to approve the minutes; Brent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

The board reviewed financial statements. Board discussed the processing of R&D fees and how the timing will change moving forward with NuTech Ventures taking over making payments instead of the University directly. **Von moved to approve the financials; Brent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board discussed LR 212 and how it may impact the organization.

Board discussed the proposal for integrating molecular markers in the Wheat breeding program and the request to do a no-cost extension. **Von moved to approve a 6 month no-cost extension of the project to be completed by December 31, 2015; Kent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board discussed the request to participate in round table conversations with the Department of Economic Development.

Board discussed the first reading of funding proposals. **Larry moved to advance the Wheat Marketing Center proposal for the cookie depositor to a second reading; Kent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board held election of officers. **Larry moved to retain Rick as chairman and Brent as vice chairman; Von seconded.**

Kent moved to cease nominations; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Voice vote taken on nomination of officers, motion carried.

NWGA report was provided. The golf tournament and seed days were successful. Several farmers were reached at each. The golf tournament will continue to be held in Imperial in conjunction with the Chase County Fair. NAWG's new staff seem to be working out well, and continued efforts for increased transparency are being made.

UNL report was provided. The new wheat variety booklets are out, and the test plot data should be out soon.

A presentation was given by Dipak Santra on how alternative crops can affect wheat in a rotation.

Reports were provided on the USW meeting in San Diego, the Wheat Marketing Center, Wheat Foods Council, Plains Grains Inc., and the trade teams hosted during the summer.

Board discussed the rules change process. NWB has to submit a report about the rules, so that was submitted stating NWB is working for an October hearing to address the needed change to the rules.

Office is working on a procurement procedure document as requested by the state.

Board reviewed two letters of support that had been requested. No action taken.

Board reviewed the calendar. Added the next NWB meeting Thursday, August 19 and 20 in Lincoln at Innovation Campus. Add Pedal the Plains on September 18, 2015. **Brent moved to approve the calendar; Kent seconded. Roll call vote: 5 yes – 0 no, motion carried.**

Board toured Hornady.

Board transitioned meeting to the Nebraska State Fair grounds.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.