

**NWB meeting minutes
Holiday Inn Southwest, Lincoln
November 21, 2014**

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Caroline Brauer, Ag Promotion Coordinator
Hannah Gaebel, Intern

Ex-Officio

Bob Storant, NDA
Jeff Noel, UNL

Guests Present

Stephen Baenziger, UNL Wheat breeder
Hector Santiago, UNL IANR ARD
Randon Peters, NWGA
Michael Thomas Jr., NWGA
Stephen Wegulo, UNL Plant pathology
Tony Adesemoye, UNL Plant pathology
Jack Whittier, UNL PHREC Director
Stan Garbacz, NDA

Toni Rasmussen, NWB ambassador
Kelly Brunkhorst, NE Corn Board
Gary Hein, UNL Entomology
Steve Roth, NDA
Scott Osler, NWGA
Dayton Christensen, NWGA

Meeting called to order at 8:13 am. Open meeting act was made available. Guests were introduced and roll call was taken with crop reports provided.

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

Board reviewed the minutes. Steve's name was misspelled. **Larry moved to approve the minutes; Brent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed the financials. **Bob moved to approve financials; Steve seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed compliance reports.

Michael Thomas Jr. presented a report on NWGA, including reports on NAWG, NWGA's annual meeting, and the WILOT program.

Dr. Baenziger presented first for UNL. The program finally received chemical hybridizing agent that took almost a year. They want to look at hybrid wheat. Also want to look further at Nitrogen use efficiency. Discussed development of GMO ap, and how the process could apply to maybe developing a gluten ap for schools and educators. Jeff Noel discussed seed sales and planting of increase seeds for Husker Genetics. International Research Center on Marin Stumpf's donated land is coming to fruition. Construction is a little behind schedule, but will have dedication ceremony hopefully in the spring. Looking to increase capacity and higher new staff within IANR. Group discussed concerns over the state variety trials and the dryland crops position at the Scottsbluff research location.

Stephen Wegulo presented a summary of research he'd been working on that was directly or indirectly funded by NWB.

Gary Hein presented on the portion of wheat virus screening he focuses his research on.

Von presented his report on WMC. Board briefly discussed the WMC tour coming up in January.

Brent presented a report on WFC. Judi Adams submitted a resignation to take effect July 1, 2015 when she'll retire. Group discussed if special projects, additional funding or other options were needed to continue to promote the benefits of gluten and combat the gluten free trend.

Larry presented a report on PGI including who were members, looking at increased revenue sources and what to do with the data once it's compiled, what the additional benefits of it are.

Group discussed contractor reports and correspondence and more efficient ways to make those available to board members.

Board discussed the upcoming participation in USW Board Trips overseas. Von will be participating in a trip to Central America, and with issues affecting another state's participation, a trip to Asia has opened up and Bob will represent NWB.

Steve expressed interest in participating in Monsanto's education advisory.

Board discussed the opportunity to participate in ARC. **Bob moved to have NWB join ARC; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Larry moved to join Ag 40; Bob seconded. Brent, yes; Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Dan, yes; Von, yes; Steve, yes; Brent, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Brent moved to add \$46,875 to the funding for USW and \$6,250 to the funding for Snitily Carr with funds from unobligated: Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Dan, yes; Von, yes; Steve, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Board moved on to reviewing the first reading of recently received funding proposals.

Board discussed who the audience is for the International Innovation Magazine. Von moved to advance the proposal to a second reading; Steve seconded. Voice vote, motion carried. Board would like additional information on the audience for the magazine as well as information on options for gluten advocacy from WFC to discuss at second reading.

Board moved on to office report. They discussed the rules and regulations change, the website request for a waiver, participants on the WMC tour.

Kelly Brunkhorst explained how Nebraska Corn Board and Corn Growers Association restructured their organizations to work together. Board discussed how staffing and coordination between NWB and NWGA should be structured to optimize the abilities of both organizations to benefit farmers long term.

Board discussed the calendar and added the following events:

- USW winter conference, January 26-February 2, 2015 in Washington, DC
- Governor's Ag Conference, March 4-5, 2015 in Kearney
- A-FAN Annual meeting, November 24, 2014 in Lincoln
- USW UES planning meeting February 4-6, 2015 in Washington, DC
- Next NWB meeting, December 8, 2014 in North Platte
- NWB meeting March 4, 2015 in Kearney.

Von moved to approve the calendar; Larry seconded. Roll call vote, Larry, yes; Dan, yes; Von, yes; Steve, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Rick, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Board recessed and moved to National Manufacturing to prep for the baking lab event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.