

**NWB meeting minutes  
February 19, 2018  
Lincoln, NE – Best Western Plus**

**Board Members Present**

Bob Delsing – Hemingford  
Rick Larson – Potter  
Larry Flohr – Chappell  
Kent Lorens – Stratton - Absent  
Von Johnson – Cambridge  
Mark Knobel – Fairbury  
Brent Robertson – Elsie

**Staff Present**

Royce Schaneman  
Caroline Brauer

**Ex – Officio**

Hector Santiago – UNL

**Guests**

Mark Wilkins – UNL  
Steve Knox – Nebraska Crop improvement  
Jeff Noel – UNL  
Amanda Raimer-Tait – UNL  
Stephen Baenziger – UNL

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm. Open Meetings Act was made available. Roll call was taken and crop reports provided by board members.

Board reviewed the agenda. Would like to add an executive session right ahead of domestic and international marketing. **Mark moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Larry. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. **Von moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Bob. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed the financial statements. **Larry moved to take from unobligated and transfer the following amounts to the respective line items: \$1,250 to dues and subscriptions; \$1,000 in data processing; and \$500 in DAS assessments; seconded by Rick. Roll call vote: Bob – yes, Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.**

**Rick moved to approve financial reports; Von seconded. Roll call vote: Rick, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.**

**Von moved for the board to enter executive session to discuss board strategy issues; Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.** Board entered executive session at 1:01 pm. Board exited executive session at 1:08 pm.

Board provided reports on domestic and international marketing issues.  
USW Meeting: event went well. There were good visits with delegation members. USW cut some portions of their budget in recognition of the lower wheat acres and prices. Good presentations on high-fiber wheat and nutrition information vs. misinformation.  
WMC: hasn't met since the previous board meeting. However, the new entryway is 99% completed. They are still working to expand the for-profit section of the WMC.

WFC: Had good meetings in Phoenix. Grain Foods Foundation is looking at a national check-off for flour. Larger-scale vision on that issue is still unclear.

PGI: Board will be meeting in April; it will be about 1 year on joint venture with WQC.

WQC: board meets tomorrow, so more information will be available at next NWB meeting.

Amanda Raimer-Tait presented to the board on gut microbiota responses to diet.

Mark Wilkins talked about to the board about industrial uses of agricultural products.

Board received a report and update on research issues regarding wheat at UNL from Jeff Noel and Hector Santiago. No apparent wheat research cuts on the table with UNL budget cuts. The Chancellor, vice-chancellor and president attended the unicameral hearing, and shared good messages on the benefits of UNL to the state's economy.

Board received an update from NWGA. Mark Spurgin was elected as the new president during the January annual meeting. Ardent Mills and NWGA are working to develop a new educational wrap for the interior of the baking lab. Board members will attend Commodity Classic for the NAWG annual resolution meetings.

Board conducted a first reading of funding proposals. **Larry moved to pass all funding proposals to a second reading; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board discussed office issues and reviewed correspondence and contractor reports.

Board reviewed the calendar of events. June 12-14 WFC meeting in Portland. Next board meeting will be held May 30 at Sidney. **Von moved to approve travel; Bob seconded. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes, Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 5 yes – 0 no, motion carried.**

**Larry moved to recess; Bob seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Meeting recessed at 6:24 pm.

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Meeting resumed at 7:30 am. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Board members participated in Bake & Take cinnamon roll delivery.

**Larry moved to adjourn the meeting; Rick seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.