

NWB Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019
West Central Research and Extension Center, North Platte, NE

Board Present

Bob Delsing, Hemingford
Tyson Narjes, Sidney
Larry Flohr, Chappell
Kent Lorens, Stratton
Von Johnson, Cambridge
Mark Knobel, Fairbury
Brent Robertson, Elsie

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman
Caroline Clements

Ex-Officio

Hector Santiago, UNL

Guests

Jeff Noel, UNL
Mark Spurgin, NWGA
Joe Thimm, producer
Chuck Burr, UNL
Greg Kruger, UNL
Jerry Radke, NWGA
Stephen Baenziger, UNL (via phone)

Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm. Open meetings act made available. Roll call taken with crop reports provided.

Larry moved to approve the agenda; Mark seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Von moved to approve the minutes; Tyson seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board reviewed financial statements. **Kent moved to transfer \$1,036 from unobligated to Youth Ambassador Program; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried. Bob moved to approve financial reports; Mark seconded. Roll call vote: Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

Royce provided an update on Plains Grains, Inc. May start to pursue some replacement people for sample collection. Concerns on USDA funding and what can the USDA lab do or not do anymore. They're having a hard time hiring support folks to do milling.

Wheat board discussed a stem sawfly proposal from Colorado Wheat.

Board discussed two proposals from US Wheat Associates, including a Turkish flour mill dumping research issue and a Mexican Buyers Conference. **Larry moved to allot \$5,000 from Unobligated to fund the U.S. Wheat Associates Mexican Buyers Conference. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Bob, yes; Brent, yes; Tyson, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.** Board discussed if an NWB representative could attend. **Kent moved to send a representative to the Mexican Buyers Conference; Von seconded. Roll call vote: Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried. Mark moved to transfer \$5,000 from unobligated to fund the U.S.**

Wheat Associates study on Turkish Flour Dumping; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes. 7 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Chuck Burr discussed the UNL TAPS program with the board, and asked for feedback on what management concerns in wheat would be considered the most pertinent.

Hector provided an update on University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Triticale is picking up and sales are increasing well. Dr. Baenziger reported via phone on some wheat varieties he's working on.

Mark Spurgin provided an update on the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association. Two new board members were elected to the board at the annual meeting. Mark enjoyed the trip to the Wheat Marketing Center with the board and appreciated the learning opportunity.

Royce provided an update on the office and work being done on the NWB meeting room to get it back to functional. Building division is currently working on it, but it should be at no expense to NWB.

Board discussed a proposal from Home Baking Association.

Board discussed potential for participation in a trade event to Peru.

Board discussed the proposal from the Big River Coalition and their request for a letter of support. **Mark moved to send letter of support for Big River Coalition; Tyson seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Board reviewed calendar. Add WMC meeting March 21 in Portland. Add PGI meeting on April 29 in Manhattan, KS. The WQC wheat tour will run April 29 to May 3. Bake and Take for the 13th, and meeting the 13th and 14th. Add the Peru Nebraska trade mission with March dates still TBD. **Von moved to approve travel as amended; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent (absent). 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.