

NWB Meeting minutes
August 16, 2018
Bayside Golf Course, Ogallala, NE

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Caroline Clements, Ag Promotion Coordinator

Guests

Mark Spurgin, NWGA

Meeting called to order at 8:44 am MDT. Open meetings act made available and roll call taken.

Board reviewed the agenda. No oath of office or installing of a new board member will occur as no new board member has been appointed for District 2 yet. Add a funding request from Husker radio under budget review. Mark moved to approve the agenda as amended; **Larry seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Kent moved to approve minutes of previous meeting; Bob seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board reviewed financial statements. **Larry moved to transfer \$2,000 for Ambassador, \$250 for trade promotion and \$8.79 for intern compensation from unobligated; Bob seconded. Roll call vote: Bob, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried. Kent moved to approve financial report; von seconded. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

Board went to election of officers. **Von moved to retain Brent as chair and Bob as vice chair; Mark seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Brent provided an update on the Wheat Foods Council annual meeting in Portland. The organization is still working on targeting personal trainers for nutrition education. A new chairman was elected as well. But overall organization is running smoothly.

Bob provided an update on the US Wheat Associates summer meeting in Seattle. USW and NAWG are discussing moving the joint meeting in winter in Washington, DC to Commodity Classic and doing fly-ins for Washington Hill visits instead. Current setup meetings are booked through 2021.

Von provided an update on Wheat Marketing Center. Some changes have occurred with personnel. Have a visiting scholar from the Philippines visiting. A few new states would like to join the Wheat Marketing Center (KS and OK). They're working on the mechanics of the joining process. Von was elected as secretary of WMC.

Larry provided an update on Plains Grains Inc. The quality of the wheat produced this year was good and sorely needed.

Royce provided an update on the Wheat Quality Council. The spring wheat tour was successful. It was a decent crop, but weaker than initial projections.

Mark Spurgin provided an update on NWGA activities. Golf tournament has good signups, the seed day events were well attended. NWGA will not participate in the NAWG September fly-in. It overlaps with Husker Harvest Days. The baking lab will go to Orlando in November.

Mark provided an updated on participation in the Governors trade outreach event in Washington, DC. They had good conversations with representatives across USDA, trade organizations, the Nebraska congressional delegation and some foreign customers.

James Weatherly of the Seed Innovation and Protection Alliance spoke to the board about using wheat innovations to maximize farm profitability.

Jeff Noel visited and updated the board on UNL activities and research. The seed day events went well. Dr. Tom Clemente presented at the events this year as well on biotech and research innovations. Looking at releasing 3 lines of wheat. They're seeing an increase in demand for triticale.

The board participated in a working lunch to discuss agriculture issues and concerns with the Nebraska Corn Board.

The board discussed budget concerns and recently received funding requests. **Larry moved to pull \$2,000 from unobligated and place it into International Marketing Special Projects for the purpose of supporting the Midwest US and Japan Conference; Kent seconded. Roll call vote: Kent, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Larry, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

Mark moved to pull \$1,500 from unobligated to support Home Baking Association; Bob seconded. Roll call vote: Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Royce Schaneman provided an update on office concerns in his executive director report. All contractor reports and correspondence was provided to the board for review. The board discussed and finalized committee assignments.

Von moved to grant the executive director authority to sign Right of First Refusals on behalf of the board; Bob seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

The board reviewed the calendar of travel. Staff was directed to examine 2 different dates in November for the feasibility of holding the next board meeting in the Lincoln area. **Bob moved to approve the calendar; Kent seconded. Roll call vote: Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.