

NWB Meeting minutes
March 13 - 14, 2019
Nebraska Farm Bureau Office, Lincoln, NE

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Caroline Clements, Ag Promotion Coordinator

Guests

Jerry Radke, NWGA
Ashley Bonebright, NDA
Christina Barber, NDA

Ex-Officio

Jeff Noel, UNL
Steve Roth, Dept. of Ag

Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. on March 13, 2019. The Open Meetings Act was made available. Lunch was provided. Roll call was taken with crop reports provided.

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

Board reviewed the minutes. Larry moved to approve the minutes as presented; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Mark moved to pull \$300 from unobligated and add to the Bake & Take line item; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Bob, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes. 5 yes-0 no, motion carried. Larry moved to accept the financial reports; Mark seconded. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 5 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Brent provided an update on the WFC meeting in New Orleans. He heard comments from Bimbo on concerns about low quality Hard Red Winter wheat from the Wichita mill and their needing to supplement with Hard Red Spring.

Board members provided a report on the winter USW meeting. All five representatives were met with in DC. Mark also visited with the new congresswoman from Iowa and the senator from Arkansas. Larry attended the joint trade meeting at the conference.

Von provided an update on WMC. WMC is looking at new methods of building management: sell building and move to a new location, manage internally, or hire another third-party firm to work on management. A recommendation should be made and discussed at the next meeting. There has been some turnover in staff in last few years, but things are going well with new and current staff.

Next PGI meeting will be prior to the wheat tour in Kansas, so no update was provided.

Royce updated on the WQC meeting. Royce was elected chair at the last meeting.

Jerry provided an updated on NWGA. Winter meetings and Commodity Classic were successful. Ben Scholz is the new NAWG president. Jerry Radke and Pete Miller were elected to the state association. Jeff Ruggles will be the new NWGA representative to NAWG, replacing Randon Peters who stepped down from the board.

Jeff provided an update on the UNL research. UNL has two interested private companies for the 2-gene Clearfield wheat. They continue to examine a more functional state variety testing program.

Board took a 10 minute break. Meeting resumed at 2:20 p.m.

Royce provided an update on office issues.

Board conducted a first reading of funding proposals. Larry moved to advance the selected proposals from a first reading to a second reading of proposals; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Mark moved to recess until 9:00 in the morning; Von seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. on March 13, 2019.

Meeting reconvened at 9:07 a.m. on March 14, 2019.

Board discussed the calendar. Board opted to send Larry to the Peru trade mission at the end of March. The National Association of Plant Breeders meeting will be held in Nebraska, likely in early August. Variety testing meeting for Brent March 6 in Lincoln was added to the calendar. Brent and Von agreed to examine calendars regarding attending the Mexican Buyers Conference. Tentative Peruvian trade team July 7-9. Next board meeting will be held in North Platte on May 29. Larry moved to adopt the calendar as amended; Von seconded. Roll call vote: Larry, yes; Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes. 4 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Von moved to enter executive session for the purposes of strategic planning; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Von, yes; Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Larry, yes. 4 yes-0 no, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 10:33 a.m.

Mark moved to exit executive session; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Mark, yes; Brent, yes; Larry, yes; Von, yes. 4 yes-0 no, motion carried.

Board exited executive session at 11:34 a.m.

Board had lunch and presented Bob Graybosch with an appreciation award for his years of service in the wheat research industry.

Brent is appointing a committee of Brent, Larry and Mark to visit with Dr. Baenziger about the wheat research strategic plan and succession planning.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.