

**NWB meeting minutes
November 16, 2018, 2018
Lincoln, NE – Residence Inn by Marriott South Lincoln**

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman
Caroline Brauer
Pam Wurdeman

Ex - Officio

Steve Wellman - NDA
Hector Santiago - UNL

Guests

Steve Roth – NDA
Amelia Breinig – NDA
Chris Barber – NDA
Dale Nellor – North American Millers Association
Jeff Noel, UNL
Chuck Hibberd, UNL
Archie Clutter, UNL
Deanna Funnell-Harris, USDA-ARS
Satya Tatineni (TS), USDA-ARS
Robert Graybosch, USDA-ARS
Josh Dethlefsen, Nebraska AG Office
Rick Larson, Wheat Farmer
Stephen Baenziger, UNL
Rob Mitchell, USDA-ARS

Meeting called to order at 8:04 am. Open meetings act was made available. Tyson Narjes was introduced and signed his oath of office. Roll call was taken with board members providing crop reports.

Board reviewed the agenda. An executive session at 10:00 am was added. **Larry moved to adopt the amended agenda; Kent seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

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

Dale Nellor from the North American Millers Association visited with the board and discussed the activities of NAMA, its structure and mission. Areas of focus for NAMA include food safety, research, and supporting a Farm Bill because it benefits the rest of the supply chain.

Board reviewed checkoff compliance reports. Board reviewed financial statements and reports. Question raised on Von Johnson's expenses for September meeting being mislabeled as a contractor meeting rather than the board meeting in Ogallala. **Bob moved to approve financials as presented; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Bob, yes; Tyson, abstain; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Brent, yes. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain; motion carried.**

Board discussed the biennium budget. **Kent moved to increase the revenue within biennium budget for 2019 by \$30,000; Von seconded. Roll call vote: Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes. 6 yes – 0 no, motion carried.**

Kent and Bob provided an update on the U.S. Wheat Associates meeting in Tampa and committee meetings there. There may be some potential for white wheat markets that was discussed in Hard White Wheat committee meeting. The Food Aid group is working on the Farm Bill. In Long Range Planning passed motion for holding meetings in hub cities and to keep the winter meeting in Washington DC. Transportation group talked about maintaining depth of Mississippi River for transportation.

Von provided an update on the Wheat Marketing Center. The board voted to increase membership by two, adding Oklahoma and 1 still available seat. Kansas has expressed an interest, but no action has been taken. Had some turnover in staff within last year and a half, but are fully staffed currently.

Larry provided an update on Plains Grains Inc.

Kent provided an update on his trade mission to Mexico. It was very heavily a thank you for business and relationships. Everyone met with indicated a pleasure in doing business with Nebraska and a desire for trade to continue.

Josh Dethlefsen visited with the board to provide introductions and explain role AG is providing in services to NWB. Josh serves as the agriculture contact for the office, doing primarily contract reviews for NWB annually. Question had been raised at a previous meeting on if chair should be the last vote in roll call vote. Under Roberts Rules of Order section 49, as NWB is a smaller organization and chair is a sitting member, he can vote as any other member and NWB can continue with rotating order by district of roll call votes.

Kent moved to enter an executive session to accept legal advice; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Larry; yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes. 6 yes to 0 no. Board entered executive session at 10:07 a.m.

Kent moved to exit executive session; Tyson seconded. Roll call vote: Kent, yes; Von, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes. 6 yes to 0 no, board exited executive session at 10:30 a.m.

Chuck Hibberd with the University of Nebraska Extension and Archie Clutter with the UNL Agriculture Research Division visited with the board to address issues in wheat research and extension. They are working toward developing a strategic plan for the Henry J. Stumpf International Wheat Center and also looking at how to address some staff vacancies in research/extension regarding wheat. Questions were raised and discussed about timing and efficiency of the wheat variety trials and test plots. The group also discussed the role of marketing wheat varieties.

Board completed a working lunch and thanked Rick Larson for his 15 years of service to the organization.

Meeting continued at the Residence Inn with discussion of Wheat Board issues. Board discussed holding a Congressional reception in Washington, DC. Agreed since money was set aside in the budget, the organization would like to pursue holding the reception. US Wheat Associates committees are set, and designations were shared with board. Board discussed office accommodations and if NWB would have an interest in moving the office to Innovation Campus.

Jeff Noel and Hector Santiago provided a small grains report. They didn't get as much planted as hoped due to weather and rains. They are sending barley, triticale and wheat to Arizona. Planning on a big field day at Mead. Sales of triticale were up significantly from last year, and wheat sales were up as well. Working on recruiting some positions at the IANR level, including national searches for Agronomy and Horticulture, Plant Pathology, and Entomology. Mark Knobel helped UNL host an Australian wheat team.

Dr. Bob Graybosch visited with the board. He is planning to retire at the end of the year and wanted to thank NWB for supporting his research. He also brought several researchers along to provide an update of other activities ongoing in USDA-ARS. Probably won't see a change to his position in fiscal 2019. The two immediate supervisors have indicated support for position, but there is a process and human resources that will have to be involved. There will likely be an interim research leader. Present researchers presented on fusarium resistance research, waxy wheat, lignin, bacterial leaf streak resistance, the role of small grains in ICL systems as a cover crop for grazing, and Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus.

Mark Spurgin provided a report from NWGA. Two NWGA members placed nationally in the National Wheat Yield Contest. Board meeting will be in early December and annual meeting in January. Dues notices will be going out soon. Two NWGA board members will be stepping down from leadership after this year. Trailer made it to Orlando and back successfully in an event with Ardent Mills.

Board resumed conversation of Wheat Board Issues, including discussion of moving the office. Board members expressed interest in potential upsides of a move, but also expressed some concerns about recent office drawings, cost, and viable, functional office space. **Kent moved to support a move of the Nebraska Wheat Board office to Innovation Campus provided adequate functional space was provided for the staff to successfully carry out the mission of the Nebraska Wheat Board; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Von, yes; Brent, yes; Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes. 6 yes-0 no, motion carried.**

Board discussed sponsoring a speaker for the NAND conference. An interest in comparing costs of getting Michele Tuttle or a WFC sports nutritionist partner.

Board discussed participation in the USW trade mission to North Africa and Europe.

Bob moved to approve covering expenses of Rick and Josh for participation in today's board meeting; Larry seconded. Roll call vote: Brent, yes; Bob, yes, Tyson, yes; Larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes. 6 yes to – no, motion carried.

Board said NWB should do something for Bob Graybosch to acknowledge his retirement.

Board discussed wanting to try and hold a meeting, possibly the February meeting in conjunction with NWGA. March 4-5 is probably Governor's Ag Conference in Kearney. Wheat Marketing Center meeting will be March 21 in Portland. Wheat Marketing Center export tour January 7 to 10 in Portland. Hold next NWB meeting in North Platte on January 14 in conjunction with NWGA annual meeting. **Von moved to approve calendar; Bob seconded. Roll call vote: Bob, yes; Tyson, yes; larry, yes; Kent, yes; Von, yes; Brent, yes. 6 yes to 0 no, motion carried.**

Board moved to Mi Tierra for dinner and discussed board activities and relationships to help further acquaint Tyson with NWB partners and areas of investment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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