

Nebraska Wheat Board Meeting
State of Nebraska Building, 245 Fallbrook Blvd
Lower Level – Hearing Room
Lincoln, NE
November 19, 2021

Present:

Mark Knobel, District 6, Chairman
Kent Lorens, District 4, Vice Chairman
Bob Delsing, District 1
Larry Flohr, District 3
Tyson Narjes, District 2
Rick Dunbar, District 7
Jared Sayer, District 5

Others Present:

Royce Schaneman, NWB Executive Director
Katherine Frels, UNL Small Grains Breeder
Jeff Noel, UNL Husker Genetics
Caroline Brauer, UNL
Payton Flower, NWB Ambassador
Samantha Oborny, NWB Ambassador
Mike Spier, V.P. Overseas Operations, U.S. Wheat Associates
Brian Schafer, President, NWGA

Proceedings:

Chairman Knobel called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. CST.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken and crop progress reports given, guest were introduced and welcomed.

Review of Agenda:

Narjes moved, Flohr seconded to approve the updated agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Review of Minuets:

Delsing moved, Sayer seconded to approve the minuets. Voice vote, motion carried.

Review of Financial Reports:

Flohr moved and Delsing seconded to approve the financial reports. Roll call vote, Flohr – yes, Delsing – yes, Lorens – yes, Sayer – yes, Narjes – yes, Dunbar – yes, Knobel – yes. Motion carried.

Excise Tax Compliance Reports:

Review of excise tax compliance reports.

Domestic & International Marketing:

- US Wheat Associates. The USW board will hold the joint USW/NAWG Winter Board Meeting in Washington DC, January 10-14, 2022. All NWB members are encouraged to attend. The USW board will be voting on a by-law change and election of officers.
- Wheat Marketing Center. The WMC is seeking applications for a new director, as Janice Cooper announced her resignation. The WMC building is for sale and the ownership group is currently entertaining offers. The NWB will proceed with the Export Education Seminar at WMC the first full week of January. Currently there are six participants planning to attend.
- Wheat Foods Council. Sarah Ahrens is our representative on the board and she is out on maternity leave, no report available.
- Plains Grains Inc. Plains Grains met on November 17th in Denver. Updates to the new website dashboard were discussed, the large printed maps showing where wheat is grown in members states, types of wheat, rail shuttle loading locations, river ports, ocean ports, and milling facilities are illustrated. Updates to the collection and testing methodology were discussed along with succession planning.
- Wheat Quality Council. The WQC is planning to hold an in-person annual meeting in Kansas City, MO on February 22-24, 2022.

Research Update:

Dr. Katherine Frels reported on the University breeding program, variety release committee, and variety testing program.

US Wheat Report:

Mike Spier, Vice President, Overseas Operations gave a market update report via video conference to the board and answered questions regarding international trade.

Executive Director Update:

Office Update.

- Royce Schaneman reported on the upcoming office move from downtown to the fallbrook area of Lincoln. Operational changes will occur after the move with Nebraska Wheat Growers Association, to show a clear separation of the board and the producer organization. There will be a short tour of the new office space at the end of the meeting.
- The process regarding the open position is moving forward slowly.
- If a current board member is not able to attend the WMC Export Seminar, Royce Schaneman will attend to lead the group.
- The Attorney General's Office has some concerns with the Wheat Board contracting with the Dry Pea and Lentil Commission to provide day-to-day administrative services. More discussion is necessary to reach a conclusion.
- The proposed rule change for the NWB is still in process and follow-up is continuing.

- An update on public variety marketing and NU Horizon Genetics was given by Mark Knobel. The test variety had strong sales and the NU Horizon group is moving forward with seating a board of directors, developing a mission statement, and working with UNL to promote the varieties developed with producer investment. The goals are to reward the researchers, grow the wheat research program at UNL, and provide Nebraska producers the first opportunity to grow advanced varieties.

Calendar & Travel:

Dunbar moved, Lorens seconded to approve the updated calendar and travel. Voice vote, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Narjes moved, Sayer seconded to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried.

Board was given a tour of the new office construction.