

Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Wheat Board
August 25, 2011
Holiday Inn-Midtown, Grand Island, NE

Board Members Present

Larry Flohr, Chappell – Chairman
Von Johnson, Cambridge - Vice Chairman
Chris Cullan, Hemingford
Brent Robertson, Elsie
Dan Hughes, Venango
Delferd Schlake, Blue Springs
Rick Larson, Potter

Guests

Dipak Santra, UNL
Bikram K Das, UNL visiting professor
Don Hutchens, Nebraska Corn Board
Shawn Sullivan, Nebraska Wheat Growers
Mark Hodges, Plains Grains Inc.

Staff Members Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director

Ex-Officio Members Present

Dan Duncan, UNL
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, NDA

The State of Nebraska open meetings act was made available.

Chairman Flohr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 25, 2011. Roll Call was taken with board members reporting on planting conditions.

Guests were welcomed.

Hughes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Robertson seconded. Voice vote motion carried.

Cullan moved to approve the minutes as amended. Schlake seconded. Voice vote motion carried.

Schlake moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote: Cullan – yes, Robertson – yes, Flohr – yes, Johnson – yes, Larson – yes, Schlake – yes, Hughes – yes. Motion carried.

Excise Tax collection report was reviewed.

Compliance reports were reviewed.

Cullan moved to take \$1,000 from unobligated funds to add to the USDA-NASS contract to include mapping services. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote: Robertson – no, Cullan – yes, Schlake – yes, Hughes – no, Johnson – yes, Flohr – yes, Larson – absent. Motion carried.

Hughes presented the US Wheat report.

Hodges presented Plains Grains Inc. report via internet.

Sullivan presented Nebraska Wheat Growers Association report.

Duncan presented University of Nebraska report.

Santra and Das presented progress report.

Schaneman presented the Office report.
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Contractor reports were reviewed.

Hughes encouraged board members to express input into US Wheat Associates strategic plan.

Hutchins presented a report from the Nebraska Corn Board.

Hughes moved to explore the opportunity of partnering with the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Corn Growers Association to make changes in the structure and check-off rate of the Nebraska Wheat Board. Schlake seconded. Roll call vote: Schlake – yes, Cullan – yes, Hughes – yes, Robertson – yes, Johnson – yes, Larson – yes, Flohr – yes. Motion carried.

Hughes moved to keep retain Flohr as chairman and Johnson as vice chairman for the next year. Robertson seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Johnson moved to go into an Executive Session at 3:27 p.m. to discuss public information officer and executive director position status. Larson seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 4:31 p.m.

The board directed Schaneman to explore the opportunity of becoming the executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association (NWGA). Initially this would be on a six month trial basis with the approval of Attorney General and Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Duties and compensation will be between Schaneman and the NWGA.

Hughes moved to waive the second reading on a proposal from the Nebraska Wheat Growers for \$17,500 for an information specialist. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote: Robertson – yes, Hughes – yes, Schlake – yes, Cullan – yes, Flohr – yes, Johnson – yes, Larson – yes. Motion carried.

Larson moved to approve the calendar and future travel as amended. Cullan seconded. Roll call vote: Larson – yes, Johnson – yes, Schlake – yes, Flohr – yes, Cullan – yes, Robertson – yes, Hughes – yes. Motion carried.

Flohr moved to adjourn. Hughes seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Royce Schaneman