

Meeting Minutes
Nebraska Wheat Board
June 5, 2008
Sidney, NE

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman, Executive Director
Ellen Leibbrandt, Intern

Ex-Officio Member Present

Jeff Noel representing Dan Duncan, UNL

Guests

Scott Osler- President NWGA
Bill Booker-Extension Educator Box Butte Co.-UNL
Keith Rexroth
Leslie Smith-KNEB radio
Ashley Coulglaizer
Mike Sullivan
Terri Sullivan
Shawn Sullivan
Doug Schmaley

Chairperson Cullan called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Roll call was taken. Seven board members were present.

Open meetings

Larry motioned to approve the agenda. Dan Second. All in favor; motion passed.

Motioned by Dan to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Delferd unanimously passed.

Financial report was presented by Schaneman. Changes and areas of concern were discussed and Royce agreed to look into the questioned numbers and make the necessary changes. **Delfred moved to accept the financial report. Rick Seconded. Roll call vote: Brent-yes, Dan-yes, Chris-yes, Delfred-yes, Rick-yes, Larry-yes, Von-yes. Motion carried.**

The Nebraska Wheat Growers report was given by Scott Osler. He reported the requested amount of money for the next year, and gave the NAWG report. The NAWG meeting reported that they would try to disconnect between futures market and fundamentals. Wheat issues amount is \$20,000. Tour is \$0 and the informational specialist contract is \$56,050.

Domestic and international marketing was presented by Doug Schmale. National jointed goat grass background and update was reported. The presentation covered growing techniques, research, and a bulletin that will be available for farmers.

UNL- IANR Report was presented by Jeff Noel in place of Dan Duncan. He reported things were looking good and it looks like one specific test shows a lot of potential and is a good candidate for grazing wheat.

Bill from UNL research extension invited group out to Ag Lab tour. Bill updated the board on the Mosaic virus that was found positive in wheat. There was mention of research and tests with Mace and upcoming resisting lines.

Chris commented on the celebration for Dr. Lyon. Linda Boeckner reported on the ceremony. Chris recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to Dr. Lyon and his family.

Royce debriefed the Yemen Trade Team meeting that happened earlier in the week. Those who met with the team had positive response of the results. Royce also mentioned that the Cuba Trade Team may be visiting in Kearney on June 17th.

Handbook updates were addressed. Jill's unfinished revisions are to be finished by Ellen. Fee collection and enforcement procedures were added by the USDA to the handbook. It was decided the issue be read over and addressed tomorrow.

Marcia Scheideman, President of Wheat Foods Council reported on what's new with the council. New things included a healthy wheat-based cookbook and the Urban Wheat Field that will take place in New York City.

Dr. Shelton of the Wheat Marketing Center reported on the use of US wheat worldwide. Asian noodles were a big highlight as well as youth education.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.