

**Minutes**  
**Nebraska Wheat Growers Association**  
Nebraska Beef Council Office  
March 3, 2008  
Kearney, NE

**Board Members Present**

Scott Osler, President–Elsie  
Mike Sullivan–Wallace  
Shawn Sullivan–Wallace  
Mike Keenan–Big Springs

**Staff Present**

Royce Schaneman  
Donna Sturdy

**Board Members Absent**

Ashley Colglazier–Grant

**Guests**

Dayle Williamson–Sen. Nelson’s  
Office

Chairperson Osler called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Four board members were present, one absent. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

The agenda was reviewed. The Wheat Industry Tour was added to new business. **Keenan moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by S. Sullivan. Voice vote; all in favor.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. **Keenan moved to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by S. Sullivan. Voice vote; all in favor.**

Financial reports were reviewed. Sturdy reported there was no invoice for the Wheat Pac Auction items. Board members requested financial reports be emailed prior to the meeting for review. All bills will be sent to the office for payment. **S. Sullivan moved to approve bills for December 2007 and January 2008 as submitted. Seconded by Keenan. Voice Vote; all in favor.**

Membership was discussed. The board discussed updating the Business Farmer subscription list. S. Sullivan suggested contacting FFA or University clubs to recruit new members. **S. Sullivan moved to send a final letter to unpaid past members. Seconded by M. Sullivan. Voice Vote; all in favor.** Shawn and Mike Sullivan will draft a letter for Goetz.

Schaneman gave an update on the deficit budget request to increase PSL to hire a .75 FTE. A preliminary vote by the appropriations committee wasn’t favorable. Board members have contacted senators on their own behalf encouraging support.

Colglazier submitted a written report on vacancies at the PREC. The University is in the hiring process. Board members discussed building an alliance with sugar beet and dry bean growers associations.

Board members gave reports on the NAWG Board meeting and individual committee meetings. Farm bill issues were discussed. Wheat is still in favor of direct payments.

The Wheat Industry Tour was discussed. It was discussed that the harvest tour could possibly have media attendance and an urban family seeing harvest for the first time. Schaneman and Goetz will research this project.

No future travel was presented.

The next board meeting will be announced in conjunction with the Nebraska Wheat Board.

**S. Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Keenan. Voice vote; all in favor.**

Submitted by: Jill Goetz