

**Nebraska Wheat Board June Meeting
Union Bank, Fairbury, NE
Tuesday, June 04, 2024
8:30 AM – 4:30 AM**

Board Members Present

Mary Eisenzimmer
Mark Spurgin
Tyson Narjes
Kent Lorens
Bob Delsing
Mark Knobel

Others Present

Rod Wallace – Coalition for Grain Fiber
Fernando Arias – Coalition for Grain Fiber
Jeff Noel – NU Horizon Genetics
Hector Santiago – UNL
Grace Timm – NE Wheat Ambassador
Kevin Shearman – NDA (via Zoom)

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman – Executive Director
Jadyn Heckenlively – Marketing Specialist
Samantha Oborny – Ag Promotions Coordinator

Proceedings

Chairman Lorens called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM CST.

Roll call was taken, crop reports were given, and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Review of the Agenda

Knobel moved to adopt agenda with additions, Delsing seconded. Voice vote motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Spurgin moved to approve the minutes, Narjes seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Delsing moved to take \$2,500 from unobligated to Trade Teams and \$322 from unobligated to Growing Wheat Well. Eisenzimmer seconded. Roll call vote:

Delsing – yes, Eisenzimmer – yes, Spurgin – yes, Knobel – yes, Narjes – yes, Lorens – yes.

Motion carried.

Delsing moved to approve the financial reports, Eisenzimmer seconded. Roll call vote:

Delsing – yes, Eisenzimmer – yes, Spurgin – yes, Knobel – yes, Narjes – yes, Lorens – yes.

Motion carried.

Excise Tax Compliance Reports

No reports were presented.

Domestic & International Marketing

US Wheat Associates – Kent Lorens reported that the USW Summer Meeting is coming up in mid-July. He updated on RAP funding changes.

Food Aid – Kent Lorens reported on recent meetings within Food Aid. Their goal is still to keep food in Food Aid rather than switching it out for money. They are running into some issues with the Senate and hoping to resolve those.

Wheat Marketing Center – Mary Eisenzimmer reported on recent events within WMC. They are implementing a new program with Oregon State for food innovation. They are hoping to push Kansas Wheat Commission to be a member of WMC to increase funding. They are hosting quite a few trade teams and keeping busy with international marketing.

Wheat Foods Council – Kent Lorens reported that they are having a meeting tomorrow in Manhattan, KS that he is planning to attend. Their biggest item is looking to update/change their by-laws at this meeting.

Plains Grains, Inc. – Royce Schaneman updated the board that with harvest starting samples are beginning to arrive at the lab. He updated the board on the Constant Contact weekly harvest update. They are working with other wheat classes to collaborate on the dashboard together.

Wheat Quality Council – Royce Schaneman reported to the board the WQC recently had their annual Wheat Quality Tour. Schaneman attended and presented Nebraska estimates on the tour.

Home Baking Association – Kent Lorens reported that HBA just had their big Home Ec Educators tour.

Coalition for Grain Fiber – Rod Wallace presented to the board on updates with FIHF. He presented FIHF goals and what they are currently working towards.

USW UES World Staff Conference – Kent Lorens and Royce Schaneman reported on the event. It was reported that it was well attended. One thing that stuck out to Lorens was they stated that this year was the lowest in HRW exports however, this was the lowest supply we have had in many years. Schaneman updated the board on other events that took place during the conference and conversations that were had.

Secretary of State Tobago Ambassador Meeting – Mark Knobel updated the board on what was discussed at this meeting he attended.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Hector Santiago reported current events at UNL. He reported on some administration and staffing changes.

Nebraska Wheat Growers Association Report

Mark Spurgin updated the board on their upcoming meeting in accordance with the High Plains Ag Lab Wheat Field Day in Sidney. The meeting will also include a tour of Leon Kriesel's operation and a short business meeting. Jadyn Heckenlively updated the board on the current number of paid members for NWGA as well as the start of the month e-news and crop reports.

NU Horizon Genetics

Jeff Noel updated the board on the upcoming field days that they will be offering variety information at. NHG is still moving forward with licensing and growing membership as well as marketing wheat, triticale, and barely varieties.

Nebraska Wheat Board Administrative/Office Report

Royce Schaneman updated the board on recent events happening in the office. The new Ag Promotions Coordinator, Samantha Oborny, was introduced. Schaneman presented the board with thank you notes and additional correspondence as well as reminders to fill out Accountability & Disclosure C-1 Forms.

First Reading Funding Proposals

Narjes moved to move all first reading to second, Delsing seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Second Reading Funding Proposals FY 24-25 Budget Discussion & Approval

Spurgin moved to approve the FY 24-25 budget, Narjes seconded.

Roll call vote: Eisenzimmer - yes, Spurgin - yes, Knobel - yes, Narjes - yes, Lorens - yes, Delsing – yes. Motion carried.

Biennium Budget Discussion & Approval Executive Session

Eisenzimmer moved to accept the Biennium Budget, Delsing seconded.

Roll call vote: Eisenzimmer - yes, Spurgin - yes, Knobel - yes, Narjes - yes, Lorens - yes, Delsing – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Spurgin moved to accept the 2% cost of living increases for Samantha Oborny and Jadyn Heckenlively, and 3% performance increase for Jadyn and 4% increase for Royce, Eisenzimmer seconded.

Roll call vote: Spurgin - yes, Knobel - yes, Narjes - yes, Lorens - yes, Delsing - yes, Eisenzimmer – yes. Motion carried.

Calendar & Travel Approval

Knobel moved to approve the calendar, Eisenzimmer seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tentative next meeting: Tuesday, August 20th in Ogallala

Adjournment

Spurgin Moved to adjourn at 4:57 PM Eisenzimmer seconded. Voice vote motion carried.