

**Nebraska Wheat Board November Meeting**  
**245 Fallbrook Blvd, GL Hearing Room, Lincoln, NE 689521**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

Board Members Present

Kent Lorens; Chairman, District 4

Tyson Najres; Vice Chair, District 2

Mary Eisenzimmer; District 3

Jared Sayer; District 5

Mark Knobel; District 6

Mark Spurgin; At-Large

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman; Executive Director

Jadyn Heckenlively; Marketing Specialist

Taylor Cruise; Ag Promotions Coordinator

Grace Timm; Wheat Ambassador

Others Present

Erica Oakley; USW

Kevin Shearman; NDA

Jeff Noel; NU Horizon Genetics

Bob Petersen; Kansas City Ag Business Council

Proceedings

**Chairman Kent Lorens called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM CST.**

Roll Call

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

Review of Agenda

**Knobel moved to approve and adopt the agenda, Sayer seconded. Voice vote; motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

**Eisenzimmer moved to approve the minutes, Spurgin seconded. Voice vote; motion carried.**

Financial Reports

**Spurgin moved to accept the financial reports, Knobel seconded. Roll call vote;** Narjes – yes, Lorens – yes, Sayer – yes, Eisenzimmer – yes, Spurgin – yes, Knobel – yes. **Motion carried.**

#### Excise Tax Compliance Reports

Kevin with NDA reported to the board that there are no new reports from the previous meeting. He gave an updated on existing reports and the status on them. Kevin was asked by the board to see if there is a process that refunds being granted from overcharges on check off are actually making it back to the producer. At the next board meeting Royce would like to budget research projects to make them appear correctly and are budgeted effectively.

#### Domestic & International Marketing

- US Wheat Associates – Lorens and Spurgin updated the board about the USW Fall Meeting held in early November at Cincinnati, OH.
- Food Aide – Lorens reported he will be attending a fly in to DC to discuss Food Aide.
- Wheat Marketing Center – Eisenzimmer attended the WMC fall meeting in late October. She reported main discussion points during the meeting.
- Wheat Foods Council – Lorens reported their new program SRG is looking to be successful. Their annual meeting is coming up in December and Lorens plans to attend.
- Plains Grains, Inc. – Royce Schaneman reported to the board how the transition has gone now that he has taken over leadership roles within PGI.
- Wheat Quality Council – Schaneman updated the board on how wheat quality numbers looked this year. He noted that kernel size was impressive considering being a drought year.
- Home Baking Association – Lorens requested approval from the board to gift a dollar amount to the retiring staff of HBA who have dedicated years of service. The board discussed to gift up to \$100 total. Lorens recommended to look into their local schools to see if they are using HBA within curriculums.
- Coalition for Grain Fiber – Narjes reported that there was a foundation created and he was asked to be a representative on the board. The Foundation for Innovation of Healthy Foods. They plan to begin creating bylaws and rules. Narjes advised the board looking head to be conscious of what is approved funding wise to make sure their check off dollars are being allocated to the best projects.
- USW Crop Quality, Sub Sahara Africa – Schaneman updated the board on who was apart of the tour, where the group visited, and what the main goals of the seminar were. Schaneman said that the market in this area is difficult but believe they did some good visiting and hope to continue building that export relationship.

#### Ex-officio Reports

##### Kansas City Ag Business Council

Bob Petersen presented to the board to explain what the Kansas City Agri Business Council entails. The council is an association that advocates growth and awareness of the food, fiber, agri-science and related industries in the Kansas City region. The council has a membership of over 700 individuals and organizations. Advocate, educate/inform and network are the council's main priorities.

##### Nebraska Wheat Board Administrative/Office Report

- Executive Director Report – Schaneman reported to the board recent events happening in the office. The attendees list for the Portland wheat marketing trip is currently full.

NU Horizon Genetics

Jeff Noel reported to the board on recent events for NHG. Noel is planning to have a board meeting in the next couple weeks to discuss ongoing business.

US Wheat Associates

Erica Oakley, Vice President of Programs with USW, reported on active programs USW has put on.

Calendar & Travel Approval

November 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Food Aide fly in. Washington D.C. – Kent Lorens

**Knobel moved to add UES meeting in South America and Mexico to the calendar, Spurgin seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Add Commodity Classic February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> Houston, TX.

Tentative next meeting date: February 20<sup>th</sup> in North Platte at WCREC Alternate date: 21<sup>st</sup>

**Spurgin moved to accept the amended calendar, Narjes seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.**

Adjournment

**Sayer moved to adjourn at 3:22 PM, Spurgin seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried.**

## NWB Calendar & Travel Items

### January 2024

- **January 1** – **New Year's Day Observed, Offices Closed**
- **January 8-10** – Nebraska Crop Improvement Association, Lincoln – Royce and Jady
- **January 10-12** – Wheat Export & Marketing Workshop, Portland, OR – Mary & Jared
- ~~**January 15-21** – NAICC Annual Meeting and Ag Pro Expo – San Antonio, Texas~~
- **January 15** – **Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Offices Closed**
- **January 17-19** – Wheat Administrators Meeting, Phoenix, AZ - Royce
- **January 22-26** – USW Winter Meeting; Hill Visits & Reception, Washington D.C. – Board & Staff

### February 2024

- **February 6-8** – WFC Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas - Kent
- **February 8-16** – UES Multi-Region Meeting, Naples, Italy - Royce
- **February 19** – **President's Day, Offices Closed**
- **February 20** – NWB Meeting, North Platte, NE
- **February 22-24** – Wheat Quality Council Annual Meeting, Olathe, KS – Royce
- **February 28 – March 2** – Commodity Classic, Houston, TX

### May 2024

- **May 21-25** – USW World Staff Conference, Malta

### June 2024

- **June 5-6** – WFC Meeting, Manhattan, KS – Kent, Royce

### July 2024

- **July 9-12** – USW Summer Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK – Board & Staff
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### October 2023

- **October 9** – **Columbus Day, Offices Closed**
- **October 22-24** – HBA Annual Membership Meeting
- **October 25-26** – WMC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, OR – Mary
- **October 31 – November 11** - USW Sub Saharan Africa CQ Seminar, Lagos, Nairobi, Cape Town - Royce

### November 2023

- **November 3** – Nebraska LEAD Program “Commodities Panel” - Jady
- **November 6-10** - USW Fall Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio – Jady, Kent, Bob, Mark S.
- **November 10** – **Veterans Day Observed, Offices Closed**
- **November 21** – Pulse Crops Conference, Kearney, NE - Royce
- **November 23- 24** – **Thanksgiving, Offices Closed**
- **November 27** – NWB Meeting, Lincoln – Entire Board and Staff
- **November 27** – PGI Meeting with USW, Manhattan, Kansas – Royce
- **November 28-30** – Food Aid Fly-In, Washington, DC - Kent

**December 2023**

- **December 5** – PGI Meeting, Denver, Colorado – Royce and Larry Flohr
- **December 6** – NU Horizon Genetics Meeting (Zoom) – Mark K. and Royce
- **December 11** – NDPCL Meeting, Kearney – Entire Staff
- **December 12** – NWGA Meeting, North Platte – Entire Staff
- **December 25** – **Christmas Day, Offices Closed**