

**Nebraska Wheat Board August Meeting
UNL Dinsdale Learning Commons – Lincoln, NE
Wednesday, August 06, 2025
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Board Members Present

Kent Lorens
Tyson Narjes
Mary Eisenzimmer
Jared Sayer
Amy Warner
Doug Hashman
Monte Murkle
Mark Spurgin

Staff Present

Royce Schaneman
Jadyn Heckenlively
Samantha Oborny

Others Present

Jeff Bradshaw - UNL
Keith Eisenzimmer
Dr. Stephen Baenziger – FIHF
Dr. Katherine Frels - UNL

Proceedings

Chairman Kent Loren called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and crop reports were given.

Officer Elections

Lorens nominated Tyson Narjes, Spurgin seconded.

Spurgin moved to suspend nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Tyson Narjes as Chairman, Eisenzimmer seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Spurgin nominated Mary Eisenzimmer for Vice Chairwoman, Lorens seconded.

Spurgin moved to suspend nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mary Eisenzimmer as Vice Chairwoman, Narjes seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Oath of Office

Mark Spurgin recited to the oath of office to be reappointed as the at-large representative for the Nebraska Wheat Board.

Amy Warner recited the oath of office to be appointed as the District 5 representative for the Nebraska Wheat Board.

Approval of Agenda

Sayer moved to approve the agenda as presented, Lorens seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Spurgin moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sayer seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Financials

Eisenzimmer moved to approve the financials as presented, Lorens seconded. Roll call vote: Spurgin – yes, Hashman – yes, Murkle – yes, Lorens – yes, Warner – yes, Eisenzimmer – yes, Narjes – yes. **Motion carried.**

Domestic & International Marketing

US Wheat Associates – Kent Lorens reported on the recent USW Summer Meeting which was held in Boise, ID in mid-July. He reported on discussions that were had during committee meetings and decisions made during the meeting.

Food Aid – Kent Lorens reported on progressions made within Food Aid. There have been recent budget cuts that could present some issues.

Wheat Marketing Center – Mary Eisenzimmer reported that the WMC has hosted many international teams this summer. They also hosted an Idaho legislative group. They also hosted the Montana State FFA officers at their facility. There is another meeting coming up in October that Eisenzimmer is planning to attend.

Wheat Foods Council – Lorens stated that they are still looking for a new office and Executive Director. He reported on the new strategic planning discussed for the group to improve their outreach and work promoting wheat foods.

Plains Grains Inc. – PGI will have a meeting August 21st by zoom. Gulf export region is rounding out their testing. The dashboard is currently being updated with incoming data.

Coalition for Grain Fiber – Dr. Stephen Baenziger updated the board on the mission of the coalition as well as updates on the group's progress.

Committee Assignments – The board was advised to look over the committee's they are currently serving on and others available and to let staff know if they would like to make any changes.

Office Report

Lorens moved to allow Larry Flohr to serve as our representative for PGI and incur expenses until January 1st, Spurgin seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Staff reported how the Philippine trade team went including tours that were attended and activities throughout the week. The NWB staff is currently reviewing internship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. The board was reminded to give names to staff about nominations for the Portland Export Seminar that will take place in January.

Jared Sayer was presented with an award for the NWB for his time served as the District 5 representative.

Calendar and Travel Approval

October 27-28 – Wheat Marketing Center Meeting; Mary
Tentative next meeting date: Tuesday, November 18th in Alliance

Hashman moved to approve the calendar as amended, Spurgin seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Statute Review

Board members and staff reviewed and discussed changes to the NWB statute. It was decided that staff will make these changes and take the next steps to taking these changes to the legislature.

Adjournment

Spurgin moved to adjourn at 4:08 PM Lorens seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.