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| June 17th, 2025 | 1:00 pm | [WebEx Link](https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m429107a0ceff452e13f4d1c241099ed1) |
| **Meeting Called By:** | Nebraska Craft Brewery Board |
| **Meeting Type:** | Board Meeting |
| **Chairman:** | Josh Christensen |
| **Note Taker:** | Eastlyn Wright |
| **Attendees:** | Board: Joshua Christensen, Mark Kraus, Ryan Penke, Nikolai Knezovich, Eric Schafer (absent), Anthony Gillick (absent), Zarchary Striemert (absent), Casey Foster (ex-officio)NDA Staff: Eastlyn Wright, Anthony Edwards, Kevin Shearman, Jenna KankePublic: Silvana Martini, Andy Rasmussen, Jennifer Auchtung, Holly Tuch, Courtney Fegter, Juan Villegas, Keenan Amundsen, Kristina Alas, Mitch Hunt, Janye Stratton, Bryce Doeschot |
| **Open Meetings Act:** | Public notices posted at:Nebraska.gov Public Calendar (11/12) |
| **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. Roll call attendance occurred. Zachary was absent. |
| **Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes** |
| *Discussion:*A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes as is. The agenda and past minutes can be accessed by requesting a copy from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The agenda and past minutes were sent out to board members beforehand. |
| **Motion to Approve:** Eric | **Second:** Mark |
| **Roll Call Vote**Zachary was absent.Ryan abstained. | For:**[x]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[x]  Nikolai****[x]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[x]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** | Against:**[ ]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[ ]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** |
| **Pubic Comments**  |
| There were no public comments. |
| **Project Reports**  |
| There were no project reports. |
| **2024-25 Annual Report**  |
| *Discussion:*A motion was made to accept the 2024 – 2025 Annual Report. The annual report can be accessed on the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board Website. |
| **Motion to Approve:** Josh | **Second:** Ryan |
| **Roll Call Vote**Zachary, Anthony, and Eric were absent. | For:**[x]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[x]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[x]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** | Against:**[ ]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[ ]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** |
| **2023-24 End of Year Fiscal Report**  |
| *Discussion:*End of Year Report showed an ending cash balance of $170,973.72. A motion was made to approval the 2024-25 End of Year Fiscal Report. |
| **Motion to Approve:** Josh | **Second:** Ryan |
| **Roll Call Vote**Zachary, Anthony, and Eric were absent. | For:**[x]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[x]  Nikolai****[x]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[x]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** | Against:**[ ]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[ ]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** |
| **2024-25 Fiscal Year Report – Year to Date**  |
| *Discussion:*Year to Date discussion of the fiscal report was given by Anthony Edwards. As of July, the board has $259,244 in the account, noting that amount does not take any remaining spending before July 15th, 2025 into account. A motion was made to accept the 2025 Fiscal Year Report as of June.  |
| **Motion to Approve:** Josh | Second: Eric |
| **Roll Call Vote**Zachary, Anthony, and Eric were absent. | For:**[x]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[x]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[x]  Anthony****[x]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** | Against:**[ ]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[ ]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** |
| **Project Proposals** |
| *Discussion:*Keenan Amundsen proposes a project for UNL to research Downy Mildew. Develop a disease nursey as there is difficulty culturing and researching Downy Mildew in the lab, and will allow some uniformity. $23,029 requested to cover lab costs, personnel, planting, etc. Jennifer Auchtang propose a project for UNL to continue to offer internships, education, etc. surrounding brewing. Two activities: (1) fund internships for 2-4 students with strong interest in brewing careers, (2) Expand access to Brewing Fundamentals Class through UNL continuing education program by offering online class followed by 3-day in person class. Matching ask with in-kind from UNL. $28,500 requested.Jenna Knake, requesting $5,000 for NAYI, continuing efforts, happening second week of July, 220 student delegates attending, also asking for someone to attend the alternative ag panel.Jayne Stratton requesting $9,460 for project related to AI use within the industry. Will complete survey of brewers to understand current and future usage – establish baseline. Will create prompting language for creating new recipes through AI. Deliverables: publications, report to board, test batching. Lead from UNL, with 3 co-PIs from the processing center and input from Andy Rasmussen as well. Mitch Hunt, Huntrex would like to create an app for the craft brewery industry to promote, would able info for each brewery. Requesting $12,000 to develop the app. Potential to offer coupons, events, sponsors, push notifications, etc. Kristin Alas, UNL, proposing researching Evaluating the Impact of Terroir on Hop Genotypes requesting $15,550. Studying how climate and other environmental factors impact the taste/smell/quality of 4 hop varieties from 4 sites. Analysis and sensory labs will occur post-harvest.Courtney, presented NHGA – Rooted in Nebraska, requesting $30,000 to work on promotional efforts with the Hop Growers Association.Bryce Doeschot, proposing Nebraska Rural Radio Association – Nebraska on Tap, focusing on 6 sectors: growing, brewing, distribution, etc. requesting $15,000. Would be contributing about $4,000 in-kind.Holly presenting:NCBG director salary, requesting $50,000NCBG Marketing, requesting $50,000NCBG Conference, requesting $50,000 – plan to move to a 2 day event with second day featuring a beer festivalNCBG – BWC Economic Data, Historic & Current Market Info, requesting $14,00010 minute break following proposals. Meeting resumed at 3:00 pmDecisions related to proposals were made, a budget was approved. |
| **Motion to Approve:** Mark | **Second:** Josh |
| **Roll Call Vote**Zachary, Anthony, and Eric were absent.Nikolai abstained from the vote. | For:**[x]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[x]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[x]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** | Against:**[ ]  Josh****[ ]  Eric** **[ ]  Nikolai****[ ]  Ryan****[ ]  Anthony****[ ]  Mark****[ ]  Zachary** |
| Next Meeting |
| *Discussion:*The next meeting is set for October 21, 2025, at 1:00pm. It will be held via Webex. |
| Adjourn |
| A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 pm. |
| **Motion to Approve:** Josh | **Second:** Mark |