

March 1, 2023 – Burnsville, MN

Joint Meeting of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council (MCR&PC)

Please be prepared and print your own copies of packet items.

Additional items may be provided at the meeting. Documents will be displayed on the boardroom screens for viewing.

8:30 a.m. MCGA President Syverson & MCR&PC Chairman Albin

1. Call to order by MCGA President & MCR&PC Chairman
 - Recite MCR&PC/MCGA mission statement: **Identify and promote opportunities for corn growers while enhancing quality of life**
 - Approval of January 5, 2023 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting [minutes](#)
2. Overview of today's agenda – Birr (2 minutes)
3. [Financials Update](#) – Swenson (20 minutes)
 - Revenue Graph
 - Financial Statements

National Organization Updates and Reports

4. [US Grains Council Updates](#) (30 minutes)
 - Board update – Willis
 - A-Team Updates
 - Board Candidate Endorsement
5. [National Corn Growers Association \(NCGA\) Updates](#) (30 minutes total)
 - Board update – Haag/Wolle/Thalman
 - Action Team Updates
 - i. Zoom recorded reports [here](#).

STRATEGIC PRIORITY UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Goal: Shape and enhance public/influencer perceptions and the policy environment of corn farmers in a manner that ultimately protects and supports the economic viability of corn farmers in Minnesota.

6. Zoom recorded staff reports for each strategic priority [here](#).
7. [Membership Consumer & Engagement](#) (30 minutes)
 - **Background** – Member Consumer Engagement team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
 - **Discussion** – led by Kanten/Guentzel/Gilbertson
 - i. Overview of sponsorships
 - ii. Commodity Classic update
8. [Research, Utilization, and Profitability](#) (90 minutes)
 - **Background** – Discovery and Development team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
 - **Discussion** – Discovery & Development led by Mages/Hoseth/Kazula

- i. FY23 RFP Research and Innovation Projects
- **Background** – Utilization team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
- **Discussion** – Utilization led by VanKlombenburg/Neumann/Hoffarth
 - i. Review sponsorships and memberships

12:00 pm – Lunch

9. [Advocacy: Public and Policy](#) (50 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Biegler/Allen-Tully/Bilek
 - i. MCGA Day on the Hill
 - ii. Corn Congress at Commodity Classic
 - iii. Legislative Update

10. [Bridge Non-Farm Influencers](#) (30 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Boelk
 - i. Media update
 - ii. Webpage research
 - iii. Project updates

11. [Sustainability](#) (15 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Birr
 - i. Sustainability assessments – Update

12. [Old and New Business](#) (10 minutes)

- Leadership Agreements – Sign and submit

13. Consent Agenda (see next page)

14. Executive Director's Update (5 minutes)

15. Chairman's Report (3 minutes)

16. President's Report (3 minutes)

17. Adjourn by 3:30 p.m.

3:35 p.m. Standing Executive Session as needed

Consent Agenda for March 1 (Updated on 02-23-23)

A.	Member Consumer & Engagement (MCE) Focus Team	
	Sponsorship Budget increase (new money)	\$ 20,000
B.	Discovery & Development (D&D) Focus Team	
	<u>Primary Research</u>	
	MAWRC Research and Education Program	\$325,000
	Nitrogen Smart 7	\$ 35,732
	Advanced Nitrogen Smart 5	\$ 16,366
	University of Minnesota Extension Water Quality Education *Goes toward Brad Carlson position	\$ 74,238
	Enhancement of Survey Efforts for Corn Pests in Minnesota	\$ 15,992
	Sustainable Polyesters from Corn as Tomorrow's Advanced Materials	\$478,623
	Dialing in the Most Corn-Profitable and Environmentally Responsible Nitrogen Rate	\$112,800
	Evaluating Conservation Practice Effectiveness with a Paired Watershed Approach	\$ 33,820
	Hyperstable Enzyme to Control Plant Diseases – Phase V	\$ 66,984
	Is fixed ammonium an important part of nitrogen cycling	\$125,730
	Climate Smart Programming	\$125,000
	Mitigating Cold and Warm Season Nitrogen Losses from Corn Systems	\$159,876
	Nutrient Management Dynamics in Northwest Minnesota Corn Production	\$ 85,142
	Precision irrigation and nitrogen management for enhancing water-nitrogen use efficiency	\$112,500
	Ethanol Fuel Cells	\$ 34,250
	<u>Innovation Grants</u>	
	Evaluating Sulfur and ESN when used with Pivot Bio	\$ 2,557
	Living Carbon vs Commercial Fertilizer	\$ 500
	Azospirillum brasilense inoculation to enhance corn nitrogen uptake	\$ 15,000

Wilkin SWCD Soil Health Demonstration Site	\$ 12,500
Soil Health and Economics from Long-term Cover Cropping	\$ 8,272
Reducing nitrate in a surficial sand aquifer, Mower County MN	\$ 30,000
Replicated Manure vs Commercial Fertilizer plot on Corn	\$ 3,477
Variable Rate Nitrogen Application in Corn Fields Applied with Manure	\$ 30,000
Corn Yield and Soil Nutrient Availability After Algae Amendment Application	\$ 15,000
Purification of procyanidins for nitrous oxide reduction in corn fields	\$ 15,000
Weed suppressive cover crop incorporation in organic corn educational plot	\$ 13,800
Testing the Effectiveness of Microbials and Fertility Management	\$ 4,000
Evaluation of In-Furrow Compost Extract use in Corn	\$ 6,904
<u>NCGA</u>	
Streambank Erosion Project	\$ 5,000
C. Utilization (UT) Focus Team	
USAPEEC Membership	\$ 7,000
AURI New Uses Forum Sponsorship	\$ 500
Il Corn – K Moore Consulting	\$ 5,000