

February 19, 2025 – Burnsville, MN

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

Dress code: Business

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8:00 a.m. MCGA President Kanten & MCR&PC Chairman Epland

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 8, 2025 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting minutes
 - Welcome and Introduction of **Guests**:
 - Combest, Sell & Associates (CSA)
 - Lindsey Phillips and Deb Nelson – Eide Bailly
2. Overview of today's agenda – Birr (2 minutes)

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.

3. Member & Consumer Engagement (0810 – 45 minutes)
 - **Background** – MCE team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
 - **Discussion** – led by Guentzel/Tate/Gilbertson
 - i. De-brief team meeting
 - ii. MN Ag EXPO de-brief
 - iii. Commodity Classic update
4. Research, Utilization, and Profitability (0855 – 45 minutes)
 - **Background** – Discovery and Development team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
 - **Discussion** – Discovery & Development led by Peterson/Fast/Kazula
 - i. FY25 RFP Research and Innovation Projects
 - **Background** – Utilization team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
 - **Discussion** – Utilization led by Neumann/Vipond/Hoffarth
 - i. De-brief team meeting
5. Advocacy: Public and Policy (0940 – 20 minutes)
 - **Discussion** – led by Allen-Tully/Beck/Bilek
 - i. MCGA Day on the Hill & Legislative Reception debrief

ii. Corn Congress at Commodity Classic

6. **10:00 am Guest: Federal Update – CSA (1000 – 60 minutes)**

7. Bridge Non-Farm Influencers (1100 – 30 minutes)

- **Discussion** – led by Gotlieb
 - i. Sellback campaign update
 - ii. Project updates

8. Sustainability (1130 – 30 minutes)

- Discussion – led by Birr

12:00 pm - Lunch

National Organization Updates and Reports

9. US Grains Council (1230 – 40 minutes)

- Board update – O’Connor
- MAIZALL update – Willis
- A-Team Updates

10. National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Updates (1310 – 30 minutes)

- Board update – Wolle
- Action Team Updates

11. **1:40 pm Guest: FY24 MCGA Form 990 – Lindsey Phillips and Deb Nelson – Eide Bailly (1340 – 20 minutes)**

12. Financials Update – Oyebamiji (1400 – 20 minutes)

13. Old and New Business (1420 – 10 minutes)

- Conflict of Interest (COI), harassment, and leadership agreement forms – sign and submit

14. Consent Agenda (see next page)

15. Executive Director’s Update

16. Chairman’s Report

17. President’s Report

18. Adjourn by 3:00 pm

3:05 p.m. Standing Executive Session as needed

Consent Agenda for February 19 (Updated on 02-12-25)

A.	Member & Consumer Engagement (MCE) Focus Team	
	National Ag in the Classroom	\$ 6,000
	Minnesota Ag in the Classroom	\$100,000
	MTEEA Supermileage	\$ 650
	Southwest Minnesota State University - MARL	\$ 65,000
	Minnesota Foundation for Agriculture (MFB)	\$ 4,000
	Minnesota Landscape Arboretum	\$ 10,000
	Minnesota FFA Foundation	\$ 10,000
	Pioneer PBS	\$ 10,000
	Minnesota 4H Dairy Conference	\$ 250
	University of Minnesota Foundation	\$ 10,000
	Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers	\$ 6,000
	Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers Association	\$ 500
	Minnesota Grain & Feed Association	\$ 3,000
	Minnesota State Fair - Little Farm Hands	\$ 5,000
	Women's Agricultural Leadership	\$ 1,000
	Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota	\$ 2,500
	Minnesota Farmers Union	\$ 4,000
	South Central College Foundation	\$ 1,000
	Minnesota Holstein & Junior Holstein Association	\$ 500
	Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association	\$ 4,000
	University of Minnesota Extension	\$ 24,000
	Farmamerica	\$ 1,500

Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association	\$ 500
Minnesota Pork	\$ 5,000
KSMQ Public Service Media	\$ 2,500
Greenseam	\$ 7,500
Minnesota Turkey Growers Association	\$ 4,000
Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Districts	\$ 1,000
United Pullers of Minnesota	\$ 1,000
Second Harvest Heartland	\$ 5,000
University of Minnesota	\$ 2,500
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association	\$ 2,000
CAMMS (state membership program)	\$ 18,000
Total	\$317,900

B. Discovery & Development (D&D) Focus Team

Primary Research Projects (21)

Engineering Degradability into Corn-based Plastics - Hoye	\$138,814
Direct Conversion of Corn-Derived Carbohydrates to Ether-Based Clean Fuels -Dauenhauer	\$152,253
Modeling Production of SAF from Corn Ethanol and CO2 - Northrop	\$ 75,466
Survey Efforts for Corn Insect Pests in Minnesota in 2024 - Yang	\$ 57,065
Monitoring European corn borer resistance to Bt corn in Minnesota - Yang	\$105,000
MAWRC-Discovery Farms Research and Education Program	\$325,000
Nitrogen Smart Online II - Carlson	\$ 23,968
Advancing Nitrogen Smart II - Carlson	\$ 60,691
University of Minnesota Extension Water Quality Education - Schmitt	\$ 80,429

Evaluating Conservation Practice Effectiveness with a Paired Watershed Approach - Feyereisen	\$ 15,640
Is fixed ammonium a part of nitrogen cycling in Soils - Kaiser	\$ 99,295
Past the learning curve: does soil health lower N requirements? - Cates	\$ 86,952
Tracking nitrogen mineralization in Northwest Minnesota soils - Pease	\$ 70,378
Developing biocontrol against corn pathogens - Khokhani	\$ 43,167
Hyperstable Enzyme to Control Plant Diseases – Phase V - Elias	\$ 71,421
High-throughput Gene Platform for Validating Resistance against Fusarium in Corn - 2Blades	\$ 24,999
Dialing in the Most Corn-Profitable and Environmentally Responsible Nitrogen Rate - Fernandez	\$113,733
Are increasing Maximum Return-to-Nitrogen values related to nitrogen source? - Fernandez	\$106,891
Reduced Tillage, Cover Cropping and Varied Irrigation in Corn-Soybean - Sharma	\$102,819
Insecticidal Seed Treatments for Managing Corn Rootworm -Yang	\$ 75,120
On-Farm Sustainability Assessments - Eocene	\$120,000
<u>Innovation Grant Projects (11)</u>	
Evaluation of Variable Rate Nitrogen to Supplement Manure Fertilizer - Anthony	\$ 30,000
Scaling procyanidin-based denitrification inhibitors for climate-smart agriculture - Griffis	\$ 15,000
Reducing nitrate in a surficial sand aquifer, Mower County MN - Lawler	\$ 15,000
Azospirillum brasilense inoculation to enhance corn nitrogen uptake Lamberton - Pagliari	\$ 15,000
Azospirillum brasilense inoculation to enhance corn nitrogen uptake Becker - Pagliari	\$ 15,000
Manure vs Commercial Fertilizer, 1/2 Rate Commercial Fertilizer Soybean plot - Hoseth	\$ 6,000
Teaching the effect of stand on season-long metrics and yields - Alford	\$ 7,375
Designing Drainage Water Recycling to reduce nutrient loss, improve yields - Swanson	\$ 6,326
Unlocking Corn Stover Hemicellulose: Biopesticide Carrier to Combat Plant Disease - Liu	\$ 14,998

Soil Management Strategies to Mitigate Impacts of Variable Precipitation - Peterson \$ 10,000

Membership

BioMADE Annual Membership \$ 10,000

Total: \$2,113,800

C. Utilization (UT) Focus Team

MBA Ethanol Partnership \$126,850

USAPEEC Membership \$ 7,000

TOTAL \$133,850