

**September 4, 2025 – 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.

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**8:30 a.m.** MCGA President Kanten & MCR&PC Chairman Mages

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 June 25, 2025 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting minutes
2. Overview of today's agenda – Birr (2 minutes)
3. **8:35 a.m. Jed Bower and Neil Caskey – NCGA FY26 Budget Request (60 minutes)**
4. **9:35 a.m. Ryan LeGrand (virtual) – U.S. Grains & Bioproducts Council/Maizall FY26 Budget Request (60 minutes)**

**National Organization Updates and Reports**

5. US Grains & Bioproducts Council (10:40am - 20 minutes)
  - A-Team Updates
6. National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Updates (11:00 am - 20 minutes)
  - Board update – Wolle
  - Action Team Updates
7. Financials Update – Oyebamiji (11:20am - 60 minutes)
  - Revenue Graph
  - Financial Statements
  - **Discussion and Approval** – FY26 Proposed Budget
    - i. NCGA Portfolio funding
    - ii. U.S. Grains & Bioproducts Council funding
8. **12:00 pm – Lunch**

**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.***

9. Election of MCGA Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (1:00pm - 10 minutes)
10. Member & Consumer Engagement (1:10pm - 25 minutes)
  - **Background** – Member & Consumer Engagement team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
  - **Discussion** – led by Guentzel/Tate/Gilbertson
    - i. MCE meeting recap
    - ii. 2026 MN Ag EXPO – speakers and more
    - iii. Commodity Classic
11. Research, Utilization, and Profitability (1:35pm - 30 minutes)
  - **Background** – Discovery and Development team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
  - **Discussion** – Discovery & Development led by Peterson/Fast/Haggerty
    - i. D&D meeting recap
    - ii. Meet & Greet recap
  - **Background** – Utilization team meeting recording and materials posted [here](#).
  - **Discussion** – Utilization led by Neumann/Vipond/Hoffarth
    - i. UT meeting recap
12. Advocacy: Public and Policy (2:05pm - 25 minutes)
  - **Discussion** – led by Allen-Tully/Beck/Bilek
    - i. MALC de-brief
    - ii. Policy priority setting process
13. Bridge Non-Farm Influencers (2:30pm - 30 minutes)
  - Checkoff Delivers Campaign – Gotlieb
  - Sustainability Campaign – Gotlieb
14. Sustainability (3:00pm - 30 minutes)
  - Update 2025 Sustainability Report – Bruner
15. Old and New Business (3:30pm - 10 minutes)
  - 2025 - 2026 MN Corn Calendar
  - USFRA Membership
16. Consent Agenda (see next of page)
17. Executive Director's Update (5 minutes)
18. Chairman's Report (3 minutes)
19. President's Report (3 minutes)
20. Adjourn by 4:00 p.m.

**4:05 p.m. Standing Executive Session as needed**

**Consent Agenda for September 4 (Updated on 08-27-25)**

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

Sponsorships

Strategic Farming Educational Program	\$ 5,000
Soil Management Summit	\$ 5,000
Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition Membership	\$ 1,000

B. Utilization (UT) Focus Team

FY25 UT Funding Request

RFA California E15 Project Sponsorship	\$ 75,000
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FY26 UT Funding Request

KY Corn for state CGA ethanol sponsorship	\$ 2,500
ESPN/NE Corn UNL88 Campaign	\$ 50,000
USMEF Membership	\$ 8,600
RFA Membership	\$ 6,750
Growth Energy Membership	\$ 13,500
<b>UT FY 2026 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81,350</b>