September 10, 2026 – Burnsville, MN

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

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8:00 a.m. MCGA President Beck & MCR&PC Chairman Goblish

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 24, 2026 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting minutes

2. Overview of today's agenda – Birr (2 minutes)

3. **8:15 a.m. Cary Sifferath – U.S. Grains & Bioproducts Council/Maizall FY27 Budget Request (60 minutes)**

4. **9:30 a.m. Bill Leigh and Neil Caskey – NCGA FY27 Budget Request (60 minutes)**

BREAK

National Organization Updates and Reports

5. US Grains & Bioproducts Council (20 minutes)
    - A-Team Updates
    - MAIZALL - Willis

6. National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Updates (20 minutes)
    - Action Team Updates

7. Financials Update – Oyebamiji and Birr (60 minutes)
    - Financial Statements
    - **Discussion and Approval** – FY27 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 (10 minutes)

10. Sustainability (15 minutes)
    - Nitrogen Initiative – Birr & Bruner
    - Update 2026 Sustainability Report – Bruner

11. Member & Consumer Engagement (25 minutes)
    - **Discussion** – led by Guentzel/Tate/Gilbertson
        i. MCE meeting recap
        ii. 2027 MN Ag EXPO – speakers and more
        iii. Commodity Classic

12. Research, Utilization, and Profitability (30 minutes)
    - **Discussion** – Discovery & Development led by Peterson/Fast/Haggerty
        i. D&D meeting recap
        ii. Meet & Greet recap
    - **Discussion** – Utilization led by Neumann/Vipond/Trunnell
        i. UT meeting recap

13. Advocacy: Public and Policy (20 minutes)
    - **Discussion** – led by Syverson/Kanten/Bilek
        i. Summer advocacy review
        ii. Policy priority setting process

14. Bridge Non-Farm Influencers (25 minutes)
    - Comms channels overview – Gotlieb
    - Programmatic updates – Gotlieb

15. Old and New Business (10 minutes)
    - 2026 - 2027 MN Corn Calendar

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 10 (Updated on 09-03-26)

A.	Member & Consumer Engagement Focus Team (MCE)	
	Twin Cities Road Crew (FY27 budget)	$ 70,000
B.	Discovery & Development (D&D) Focus Team	
	Research Project	
	Marc Hillmyer - Soil degradable coatings for controlled release fertilizer	$ 110,000
	Sponsorships	
	National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA)	$ 15,000
	Soil Management Summit	$ 3,000
	Z45 CI Calculator	$ 2,500
C.	Utilization (UT) Focus Team (FY27 Budget)	
	USGBC India Biofuels Summit	$ 5,000
	RFA Membership (UT Share)	$ 6,225
	Growth Energy Sponsorship (UT Share)	$ 13,500
	Kentucky Corn State CGA Ethanol Sponsorship	$ 2,500
	USMEF Membership	$ 8,600
	Nebraska Corn Big Ten Network E15 Campaign	$ 55,000
	Northern Crops Institute (NCI) U.S. Ethanol Production and Procurement Course	$ 10,000
	NCI Grain Procurement Management Course	$ 10,000
	NCI Market Update Webinar Series	$ 5,000
	NCI Future of Feeding Webinar Series	$ 5,000
	NCI Additional Procurement Course(s)	$ 10,000
D.	Policy and Priority (PP)	
	Sponsorship to Texas Corn Producers for May FTC fertilizer event	$ 5,000