November 18, 2026 – Burnsville, MN

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

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8:30 a.m. MCGA President Wentzel & MCR&PC Chairman Goblish

1. Call to order by MCGA Vice-President & MCR&PC Chairman
    - Recite mission statement: **Identify and promote opportunities for corn growers while enhancing quality of life**
    - Approval of September 10, 2026 MCGA and MCR&PC meeting minutes
    - **Guests**: Combest Sell & Associates (CSA); John Himle; Matt Berger – Gislason & Hunter; Emily Bruner

2. **Guest: CSA – Mid-Term Election Analysis & Update (60 Minutes)**

3. **Guest: John Himle (60 minutes)**

    - 2026 Minnesota resident and corn farmer survey findings
    - State Election Analysis
    - MN Corn – CFI Trust Intelligence: Content & Context Analysis

4. **Guest: Matt Berger – Regulatory issues update (30 minutes)**

5. **National Organization Updates and Reports**

    - US Grains & Bioproducts Council **(10 minutes)**
    - National Corn Growers Association **(50 minutes)**
        i. NCGA 2026 Policy and Program Area Prioritization
        ii. FY27 Action Team Funding – Discuss

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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. Sustainability (40 minutes)
    - Discovery Farms Update – Emily Bruner
    - Nitrogen Strategy Update – Birr
    - Eocene update – Luke and Emily

7. Membership Recruitment & Engagement (10 minutes)
    - Commodity Classic 2027 Update – Gilbertson
    - Ag Expo 2027 – Gilbertson

8. Advocacy (30 minutes)
    - Discussion – led by Syverson/Kanten/Bilek
        i. Draft state/federal policy priorities – Bilek

9. Research, Utilization, and Profitability (40 minutes)
    - Discussion – Discovery & Development led by Peterson/Fast/Haggerty
        i. RFP update – Haggerty
        ii. Root Applied Science – Sarah Placella
    - Discussion – Utilization led by Neumann/Vipond/Birr

10. Bridge Non-Farm Influencers (25 minutes)
    - Update on fall public outreach: Twins, Gophers, and radio
    - Update on fall sellback

11. Financials Update – Oyebamiji (20 minutes)
    - FY26 Year end
    - October financials

12. Old and New Business (5 minutes)
    - AURI Board Position

13. Executive Director's Update (2 minutes)

14. Chairman's Report (3 minutes)

15. President's Report (3 minutes)

16. Adjourn by 3:00 pm