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ARKANSAS CORN & GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Zoom Only
Minutes

February 19, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Members Present via Zoom: Patrick Matt Smith, Trent Dabbs, Tommy Young, Jason Felton, William Perry Galloway, Kenny Falwell

Members Absent: Matt Gammill

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dabbs welcomed all members and guests. With six members present online via Zoom, a quorum was established and confirmed by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture (Department).

ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION (NCGA)

Discussion ensued regarding additional funding to the NCGA given the current challenging state of the agriculture industry. Discussion included the need for earmarking where additional funds will go, as well as how to go about obtaining additional corn delegates to represent Arkansas in NCGA's Corn Congress. **ATTACHMENT 1**

Amy Lyman, Promotion Board Administrator for the Department, mentioned that for Arkansas to obtain an additional delegate at NCGA Corn Congress, Arkansas would have to meet additional corn production criteria as calculated by NCGA. This includes 1) the number of grower association members in the state (as of September 30 for previous year), 2) the state corn production on a three-year average basis at the end of the previous crop year, and 3) the checkoff dollars invested by the state in the NCGA (as of September 30 for previous year). The Corn Board of the NCGA then takes these factors into account when establishing delegate numbers.

Member Galloway asked who established the base funding amount for NCGA. Member Young answered that it was established by the NCGA.

Motion to fund the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) for an additional \$50,000 as a special contribution earmarked for Biofuels promotion for Fiscal Year 2026; moved by William Perry Galloway, seconded by Kenny Falwell. Motion carried.

2026 EXPORT EXCHANGE UPDATE

Member Young provided an update regarding the board's \$15,000 funding of the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) for their Export Exchange event.

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He mentioned that the council appreciated Arkansas reaching out proactively, noting Arkansas's longstanding role as the farmer representative at the event. The early coordination with the Council led to the opportunity for the board to sponsor the event's lanyard badges, creating a cost-effective promotional opportunity for the event's attendees.

Motion to approve the USGC discussion regarding 2026 Export Exchange; moved by Kenny Falwell, seconded by Jason Felton. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP SERVICES CONSIDERATION

Chairman Dabbs mentioned that the board needs to contemplate another year of funding for the Communications Group, prompting some discussion.

Motion to approve funding for the Communications Group website and additional maintenance for \$8,000; moved by Jason Felton, seconded by Tommy Young.

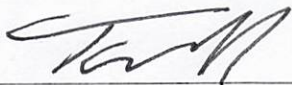
Member Young asked for an update from the Department regarding the publishing of a corn sellers list on their board website.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the special called meeting; moved by Tommy Young, seconded by William Perry Galloway. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Trent Dabbs, Chairman



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