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Capper-Volstead Act Farm Group Meeting

This past year the Council and our members have invested significant time, effort, and resources into countering challenges to the Capper-Volstead Act that have been raised primarily by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). In the April edition of our newsletter we provided the background on this issue and the negative impact any repeal of Capper-Volstead would have on Nebraska farmers and ranchers.

Our efforts have included helping local cooperatives reach their local members by providing various communication pieces, communicating with the entire Nebraska congressional delegation, providing op ed pieces for newspapers across the state, and engaging the Governor and state senators in communication with federal officials supporting the retention of the Capper-Volstead Act.

Our final step was to engage the leadership of Nebraska's farm organizations and commodity groups in this discussion. In order to accomplish this, we hosted a

meeting for all major farm organizations and commodity groups in Kearney on November 18th. During the meeting, we provided these ag leaders with the background on the joint DOJ/USDA hearings that are being held and, more importantly, we discussed the value that cooperatives provide for farmers and ranchers in Nebraska. We had a good discussion with these ag group leaders. Farm groups that were represented at the meeting were the Center for Rural Affairs, NE Cattlemen, NE Cooperative Development Center, NE Farm Bureau, NE Grain Sorghum Producers Assn, NE Pork Producers, NE Soybean Assn, and NE State Grange.

Several other farm groups were invited, however, due to scheduling conflicts they were unable to participate.



NCC Legal Counsel Rocky Weber explains the background and importance of the Capper-Volstead Act to Nebraska's farmers and ranchers. Attending the lunch meeting were representatives from Nebraska's farm organizations and commodity groups.



Education Programs Underway

The Council will begin its 2010/11 education programs this week with the Director/Manager Workshops. It and our other programs are designed to help cooperative leaders address the issues facing cooperatives. We hope that all directors will take advantage of these programs to help refine the skills necessary to lead today's cooperatives.

Director/Manager Workshop

The Director/Manager Workshops will be conducted in Sidney on December 15, Kearney on December 16, and York on December 21.

The title of this year's program is

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President's Message



During the next several months, the Council's education programs will be underway. I encourage your cooperative's management team to participate in this year's programming. We are all being pulled many directions professionally and personally, especially at this time of year. Cooperative education is a fundamental and important part of any cooperatives continued success in an ever-changing business environment. I have stated in the past that today's cooperatives aren't your "grandfathers" cooperatives due to the size and economic impact; I continue to believe that this perspective is more true today. As such, the commitment to ongoing education is more important today than ever before.

Last month, the Council's 65th Annual Meeting was conducted in Kearney. Approximately 195 people attended our noon luncheon. Our speakers included Chuck Conner, President of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and Senator Adams of York, Chair of the Legislature's Education Committee and a member of the Revenue Committee. They addressed upcoming legislative issues on both the national and state levels. The Legal, Tax & Accounting session by Crosby Guenzel LLP addressed issues that cooperative management teams need to be aware of.

As part of our Annual Meeting, we added a Thursday evening networking



session for cooperative stakeholders. Thanks to the Crosby Guenzel law firm for sponsoring the beverages for the reception. Based on feedback, having the reception as a networking opportunity was well received by the membership, and the membership wants this to continue.

Also during the Annual Meeting, the voting delegates approved proposed changes to the Council's By-Laws concerning increasing the board terms from three to four years, as well as the elimination of Board districts and requiring directors on the Council's Board to reside in Nebraska as a condition of eligibility. I believe these changes will position the Council well for the future.

In an ever-changing world, your cooperative trade association will continue to change. Indicative of such was the decision by your board to discontinue our series of fall district meetings. I compliment the membership on your acceptance and support of this difficult decision.

Next month, the Nebraska Legislature will convene it's 90-day legislative session. The big issues before the

legislators include: the state's approximate \$1.4 billion budget shortfall, redistricting, sales and use taxes, and immigration. I believe your Association is well positioned for representing Nebraska's cooperatives again this year.

Changing directions, I attended the December 8th U.S. Department of Justice and USDA workshop in Washington DC concerning the Capper-Volstead Act. This was the last of the five workshops and more importantly, the real question before us is "where will the DOJ and USDA take this issue?" We will continue our involvement and keep you abreast of any developments.

On November 18th, the Council hosted a luncheon for Nebraska farm organizations and commodity groups to address the importance of the Capper-Volstead Act upon Nebraska agriculture. Please refer to the article on page 1 for a list of those attending.

In closing, I want to extend best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year to each of the respective cooperative management teams and their families.

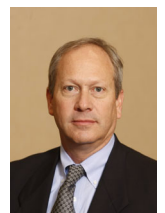
In the cooperative spirit, I remain....
Robert C. Andersen

2010/11 Board Members Elected

During the Annual Meeting voting caucus, two new board members were elected and one was re-elected. Dave Schneider (top left), manager of the Farmers Co-op



Company in Waverly replaced Ron Velder, manager of Farmers Cooperative in Dorchester who chose not to seek re-election, and Ron Heerten (bottom left), board chairman of the Farmers/Ranchers Co-op Assn. in Ainsworth, replaced Tom Hansen, board president of Ag Valley Co-op in Edison, who also chose not to seek re-election. Randy Robeson (top right), manager of Frontier Co-op Company in Brainard was re-elected. Earlier this month, the Participating Members elected Mike Hechtner (right), Sr Vice President of CoBank in Omaha, to replace Steve Neelly from CHS Inc in Lincoln. Our thanks to Ron, Tom, and Steve for a combined 17 years of service to the Council.



Johnson and Oehlerking Inducted into Hall of Fame

Two more cooperative leaders were inducted into the Nebraska Cooperative Council Cooperative Hall of Fame on November 19, 2010. Jerry Johnson of Wahoo and Walter Oehlerking of Elmwood were inducted into the Hall of Fame during the luncheon at the Council's Annual Meeting in Kearney.

Both Jerry and Walt received a framed certificate commemorating their induction into the Hall of Fame by Council Board Chair Jim Chism. Each will also be permanently recognized with a plaque outlining their outstanding achievements which will be on display at the Council's office.

The leadership that Jerry and Walt provided over the years was very significant to the cooperative movement. A summary of their accomplishments are:

Jerry Johnson...Jerry began his distinguished cooperative career in 1962 as a service man for the Holdrege co-op. From that start



Jerry went on to provide leadership for six cooperatives across the state. Jerry served as controller at Gothenburg and as

President/CEO at Dorchester, McCook, Plymouth, and Shelby (FCBA and UFC). Altogether, Jerry served as the President/CEO of a Nebraska cooperative for 22 years.

Jerry was actively involved in many cooperative related organizations as well. Jerry was an organizing member

and President of both the Nebraska Bookkeepers Association and the Nebraska Co-op Managers Association. He also served as chair of the Midwest Chapter of the National Society of Cooperative Accountants. Even in his retirement he has continued his commitment to cooperatives by serving as Chairman of the Retired Co-op Managers Association.

Jerry also provided leadership on the Farmland Board of Directors, the Land O' Lakes/CHS Managers Council, and on the Nebraska Cooperative Council Board of Directors, serving as Vice-Chair in 1997-98. He also served on the NCC-PAC steering committee as well as the original PAC committee of the Council.

The author of one of the letters of support for Jerry's nomination summed up Jerry's contributions best when he said "Jerry proved over and over that we could operate a growing, successful and strong business without ever compromising our moral or legal ethics."

Walter Oehlerking...Walt was the consummate cooperative board member who was constantly striving to promote the cooperative way of doing business. During his farming career, Walt was a member of three cooperatives: the Elmwood Farmers Cooperative, Elmwood Farmers Oil Cooperative and



Dairy Farmers of America.

Walt's leadership of cooperatives included service on the board of Elmwood Farmers Cooperative for 35 years, with 2 of those years as Board Vice Chair and 20 years as Board Chair. Walt also served on the Council's Legislative Advisory Committee from 1999-2000. During this time frame, through Walt's leadership, the cooperative grew to meet the needs of the members. This growth included a near doubling of the grain storage capacity of the cooperative.

Walt was a strong advocate of doing what was necessary to make the cooperative system stronger, even at the expense of his own needs. This is illustrated by the fact that Walt supported and promoted a merger with a neighboring cooperative that would eventually lead to the loss of identity for his cooperative, but ultimately provided a stronger cooperative for the members of each cooperative.

One of his nominators said "Walt is the perfect example of how a board member should conduct business. Walt never expected to be treated any differently than any other patron of the cooperative."

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Welcome to the following new members for 2010/11:

SUPPORTING MEMBERS

CFO Systems LLC - Omaha, NE

Inspro Inc - Lincoln, NE

Integrus USA LLC - Overland Park, KS

Plymouth Industries Inc - Plymouth, NE

Triangle Insurance - Enid, OK

Council Conducts 65th Annual Meeting

The Nebraska Cooperative Council hosted its 65th Annual Meeting at the Kearney Holiday Inn and Convention Center on November 19th. With a much different fall harvest this year, a total of 195 people attended the meeting and Hall of Fame luncheon.

The format for this year's Annual Meeting changed a bit from past years with the inclusion of a reception on the evening of November 18th. The Council hosted this reception for all attendees of the Annual Meeting with the partners of the Crosby Guenzel LLP law firm providing the beverages for the event.

The Annual Meeting kicked off on the 19th with an address from National Council of Farmer Cooperatives President and CEO Chuck Conner. Chuck provided an interesting view of the recent elections and how these results will affect agriculture. He also addressed issues related to the regulatory environment in Washington DC and the challenges regulatory agencies are providing for cooperatives.

Following Chuck was State Senator Greg Adams of York. Senator Adams is chair of the Education Committee, which because of the percentage of state dollars spent on education in Nebraska, puts him in the middle of state budgeting discussions. Senator Adams addressed the challenges that all Nebraskans will face due to the projected budget deficits in the next biennium.

Following these two addresses, the business session was held. During it, Council Board Chair Jim Chism provided the Chair's Report; Board Secretary Bruce Favinger followed with the Financial Report, and Greg Sabata provided a PAC Report. Robert Andersen finished the business session with the President's Report.

The Voting Delegate Caucus was then held with elections taking place for three NCC Board seats as well as voting on a

proposed By-law amendment. (See page 5 for details and results of the caucus).

Following a short break, the Legal, Tax & Accounting Workshop was held with Rocky Weber, Bill Kutilek, and Tom Jeffers from the Crosby Guenzel conducting the workshop. This was once again a thought provoking presentation for members.

The Annual Meeting membership luncheon and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies followed. The guest speaker for the luncheon was NASA Astronaut Clayton Anderson originally from Nebraska. Clayton provided an entertaining presentation detailing his experience with space flight.

The final portion of the luncheon was reserved for the Nebraska Cooperative Council Cooperative Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This year we inducted two new members in the Hall of Fame - Jerry Johnson of Wahoo and Walt Oehlerking of Elmwood. A complete article on Jerry and Walt can be found on page 3.



The Council's Legislative Advisory Committee and Political Action Committee held a joint meeting on November 18th.



Senator Greg Adams (at podium) updated meeting participants about upcoming issues for the 2011 legislative session.



Chuck Conner, President/CEO of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, addresses Annual Meeting participants.



Arlene & Jerry Johnson (left photo) and Walt & Carolyn Oehlerking (right photo) join NCC President Robert Andersen (left) and Bd Chair Jim Chism (right) after Jerry and Walt are inducted into the NCC Cooperative Hall of Fame.



Council Management Policy provides that minutes must be mailed to all meeting participants. If no written objections are received within 10 days of mailing, they are deemed to be accepted and shall be the official record of the meeting. If a written objection is timely received, action will be taken at the next meeting. Please notify the Council (134 South 13th Street, Suite 503, Lincoln, NE 68508-1901) by December 19 if there are any objections/errors in the minutes as reproduced below. If not, they shall be deemed accepted as distributed.

NEBRASKA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL 65th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Cooperative Council convened at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2010, in Ballroom I of the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. David Briggs, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors, presided.

SPECIAL THANKS

Briggs thanked the Participating & Supporting Members and other sponsors for providing today's refreshment breaks.

CHUCK CONNER

Briggs introduced the first speaker, Chuck Conner, President/CEO of the National Council of Farmers Cooperatives. A question and answer period then followed.

SENATOR GREG ADAMS

Briggs introduced the second speaker, Legislative District 24 Senator, Greg Adams of York. A question and answer period then followed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Jim Chism, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, presented the Chairperson's Report. He introduced and recognized the Council's directors, committee members, and membership for their support of Council programs.

2009/10 FINANCIAL REPORT

Bruce Favinger, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors, presented the 2009/10 Financial Report. He reported that the Council's Board had reviewed and accepted the 2009/10 Financial Report and that a full-scope audit in accordance with the appropriate auditing standards had been conducted. Favinger reported that the auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) REPORT

Greg Sabata, member of the PAC committee, presented the background of the PAC, voluntary contributions received

to date; and the PAC Committee's three (3) day interview process of the candidates running for the Nebraska Legislature.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robert Andersen provided the President's Report for the prior year which included the addressment of legislative and regulatory issues and educational programs as well as the challenges before the association.

BREAK

A short break was observed.

VOTING DELEGATE CAUCUS ELECTION RESULTS

Upon reconvening the morning session, Chairman Chism reported the results of the Active Member Voting Delegate Caucus:

Board Elections: Ron Heerten of Ainsworth was elected from District I to serve as a producer director; Randy Robeson, manager director from Brainard, had been re-elected in District II; and Dave Schneider of Waverly, was elected from District II to serve as a manager director.

Proposed By-Law Amendment: The delegates ratified the By-Law Amendment to eliminate the utilization of electing producers and managers on the basis of two (2) Board Districts. The Class A & AA members would now be elected for a four (4) year term within Article II, Section 6 and Article IV, Sections 2,4,6 & 7.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD DIRECTORS

Chairman Chism presented plaques to the following outgoing Board directors, including their years of service on the Council's Board:

Participating Mbr Dir - Steve Neelly, CHS (1 yr)
Producer Dir - Tom Hansen, Edison (9 yrs)
Manager Dir - Ron Velder, Dorchester (7 yrs)

LEGAL, TAX & ACCOUNTING WORKSHOP

Chism introduced Rocky Weber, Tom Jeffers, & Bill Kutilek with the Crosby Guenzel LLP law firm. The attorneys addressed the following issues:

- Avoiding Preference Avoidance in Bankruptcy
- "Nobody Cares About the Coop" - The Danger of the Disinterested Owner
- Market Volatility and Contract Administration
- OSHA Enforcement Update - Yes, It's Serious
- Surprise! - Do your Bylaws Match Your Practices
- Section 199 - Domestic Production Credit/PURPIMS/Private Letter Rulings

The attorneys then answered questions from meeting participants.

The Legal, Tax & Accounting Workshop concluded at 11:50 a.m.

LUNCHEON

The membership luncheon commenced at 12:00 noon with President Andersen presiding.

ASTRONAUT CLAYTON ANDERSON

Andersen introduced the keynote speaker, Astronaut Clayton Anderson. A question and answer period then followed.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Andersen introduced the two (2) candidates selected for induction into the Nebraska Cooperative Council Hall of Fame: Gerald (Jerry) Johnson of Wahoo and Walt Oehlerking of Elmwood.

ADJOURNMENT

Andersen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Favinger, Recording Secretary

2010/11 Education Programs

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“Protecting Your Most Valuable Assets: Your Employees, Your Members, Your Cooperative.”

In today’s environment, the threat of civil and criminal prosecution against managers and directors raises issues that elevate safety to a new level. Safety has become a critical issue that all directors and managers must consider, realizing that addressing safety issues will come with a cost.

During the workshop we will hear how OSHA enforcement has evolved from the agency’s inception until today. Discussions will focus on how to make safety related economic decisions based on:

- Older vs. newer facilities
- Consolidated sites for facilities
- Implementation of a safety oriented culture within your cooperative

Ultimately we will help facilitate the discussion of the requirements and costs to prevent catastrophic accidents, such as happened in a western Kansas cooperative this summer, rather than deal with the aftermath of such accidents. We will also address a culture of “zero tolerance” and what that means for your cooperative.

Facilitators for the program will be Tom Houser and Dennis Conley. Tom is Vice President of the Commercial Agribusiness Banking Group in CoBank’s Omaha office. He has more than 25 years of lending experience with CoBank. Dennis is the Nebraska Cooperative Council Distinguished Professor in Agricultural Economics and Director, Graduate Programs in Agribusiness at UNL.

Director Certification Program (DCP)

DCP will be conducted at the Kearney Holiday Inn on January 4-5. The four phases of this program cover all aspects of directors’ responsibilities to help them

deal with the challenges they face as decisionmakers. DCP is designed to accelerate the process by which directors become active, effective board members. Program objectives are:

- to provide a clear understanding of the board’s roles and responsibilities and how these differ from those of the manager
- to provide working knowledge of successful cooperative planning and monitoring of results
- to help participants understand cooperative financial statements and their use in making decisions
- to provide hands-on experience in cooperative problem solving
- to enable directors to gain insight into the operations of other co-ops through interaction with other participants

Facilitating the four phases will be Dennis Conley, UNL (Phases 1 and 4); Roger Ginder, Iowa State University (Phases 2 and 3); Tom Houser, CoBank (Phases 2 and 3); Rocky Weber, Crosby Guenzel LLP law firm in Lincoln (Phase 1); and Dave Christiansen, manager from Moundridge, KS (Phase 4).

Graduate Director Seminar 3 (GDS3)

The GDS 3--*Establishing the Value of Your Cooperative*--will be held January 6 in Kearney. It addresses the various methods of placing values on assets for the benefit of buyers, sellers, and all entities involved. Discussion focuses on problematic conditions which may exist for cooperatives in a period of transition as they attempt to place value on their own or neighboring operations.

A case study format is used to provide realistic working examples of establishing the value of a business and allow maximum participant involvement. Discussion provides a clear illustration of the various differences involved in asset valuation methods.

Facilitators for the program will be Dr. Dennis Conley, UNL, and Tom Houser, CoBank.

Board Officer Seminar (BOS)

The BOS will be held at Embassy Suites in Lincoln on February 15. This program provides additional training for current and future officers to help them carry out their function as leaders of the board.

The program will begin at 1:15 pm

Scholarship Program

For the 2011/12 academic year, the NCC Education Foundation will award up to five \$950 scholarships at UNL-IANR, one \$650 scholarship at NCTA, and one \$650 scholarship at Chadron State College.

Posters and brochures/application forms were forwarded to cooperative managers on December 1st. Additional application forms can be found on the home page of the Council’s website at www.nebr.coop or by contacting Deb at the Council office at 402/475-6555. Completed applications must be returned to the appropriate college by **April 15, 2011**.



with Attorney Rocky Weber from Crosby Guenzel LLP and Dr. Dennis Conley from UNL facilitating. As in previous BOS sessions, it will be an open forum where the topics of discussion are driven by the participation of the officers attending. Participants are encouraged to submit issues/questions to the Council office that they would like discussed. Rocky and Dennis will address these topics first and then include discussion of other topics as time permits. This popular feature of the program has consistently been one of our highest rated sessions that we offer.

During the final afternoon session, Dr. Tom Osborne will address the group relating his experiences in team building and organizational leadership.

We will finish the day with a dinner back at Embassy Suites. There will be no program during the dinner which will allow all board leaders in attendance an opportunity to network with their counterparts from around the state.

Cooperatives For Tomorrow (CFT) Seminar

Cooperatives For Tomorrow (CFT) is designed for cooperatives that are seeking additional input to help determine the proper strategic position for the cooperative. Whether through rapid growth or evolving business practices, cooperatives are being forced to change at a more rapid pace to be able to meet the needs of their members.

CFT features a variety of speakers and presenters that normally would not be available to local directors in Nebraska. We utilize nationally known speakers from both the academic and cooperative systems to provide local directors with the opportunity to obtain a different viewpoint on issues facing their cooperative.

The program is intended to be thought provoking and to challenge local directors to think in a broad sense when determining the correct strategic position for the cooperative.

Because of the nature of this program, it would serve as an excellent prelude to a board retreat or planning session.

Speakers for the day's program are:

Dr. Jay Lehr...Dr. Lehr holds a Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Princeton and received his Ph.D. in Ecology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Arizona. He was a college professor at both the University of Arizona and Ohio State University. Dr. Lehr will explain the megatrends shaping the future of agribusiness and discuss world food demand and its impact on Nebraska agriculture.

Dr. William Wilson...Dr. Wilson is a University Distinguished Professor in Agribusiness at North Dakota State University. He will address the evolving agriculture supply chains and how this evolution impacts American agriculture. Dr. Wilson will also discuss how biotechnology and a fundamental shift in where crops are being grown has affected the entire supply chain.

Dr. Ernie Goss, Jack A. MacAllister Chair in Regional Economics at Creighton University in Omaha...Dr. Goss conducts the Rural Mainstreet Economic survey each month to gauge how local bankers in a 10-state region view current conditions. He will provide us with the results of the latest survey and the long-term trends identified by the survey.

Dr. Jason Henderson, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City...Jason is Vice President and Omaha Branch Executive of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. He speaks frequently to a wide range of business, financial and policy audiences across the United States and internationally. His articles on the rural economy have been cited by policy officials, researchers, and various media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, and *USA Today*.

Employee Workshops

The Council is working with Husker Co-op in Columbus to provide employee training. On September 1st, we provided a session of "Customer Service or Else" for approximately half of the employees of Husker Co-op.

The facilitator for the program was Don Warrington, retired Human Resources Manager of Farm Credit

Services of America. Don's presentation focused on the need for superior customer service in order to remain competitive in the agricultural market. Don also provided many tools to help employees improve their customer service both for internal and external customers.

Husker Co-op will be offering the same workshop for the remaining half of its employees in late February.

If your cooperative is interested in holding a customized employee workshop, contact Ed Woeppel at the Council office.



Don Warrington facilitated the Customer Service or Else Workshop in Columbus.

Status of Energy Source Exemption

As you're aware, the Nebraska Cooperative Council has attempted to work with the Department of Revenue (DOR) concerning the interpretation and application of the exemption for energy used by commercial grain storage facilities for drying and other processing activities. Our efforts began in the fall of 2008 after member complaints. Unfortunately, the Council believes that the proposed Revenue Ruling by the DOR evinces a misunderstanding of the commercial grain handling practices. The background on this issue can be found in our April and June 2010 issues of *Cooperation in Nebraska* as well as in the September 2010 Annual Report.

Due to the adverse financial impact of the DOR's proposed Revenue Ruling upon cooperatives and the need for clarification, the Council's Board of Directors unanimously decided to pursue collective funding for a legal challenge that is being made by one of the members against the DOR. Our Action Plan includes pursuit of tax refund claims for a variety of gas and electric meters which potentially may include litigation and appeals before the DOR, the district court and the appellate courts.

Currently, we are working with cooperatives to submit refund claims. This fall, 11 gas meter refund claims were submitted to the DOR, and 5 electric meter refund claims will be submitted before the end of the month.

Once the refund claims are submitted, we will await a response from the DOR. At this time, we do not know how long

it will take the Department to respond, but we anticipate that it could be several months.

As has been shared earlier, the litigation process potentially could take 2-3 years to complete. This will be determined in large part by the DOR's response as we anticipate that the positions it takes in response to the refund claims will set the course of the litigation. As this matter develops, we intend to provide you timely status reports.

The voluntary support of many Nebraska cooperatives has allowed us to pursue this action. A big thanks to the following which (as of December 8) have provided financial support on this issue:

Aurora Co-op Elevator Co
Battle Creek Farmers Co-op N/S
Big Springs - Farmers Co-op Elevator Assn
Brainard - Frontier Co-op Co
Brule - Farmers Co-op Assn
Dorchester - Farmers Cooperative
Edison - Ag Valley Co-op
Elmwood - Midwest Farmers Co-op
Friend - Farmers Union Co-op Co
Gothenburg - All Points Co-op
Hastings - Cooperative Producers Inc
Hemingford - Farmers Co-op Elevator Co
Imperial - Frenchman Valley Farmers Co-op
Lindsay - Farmers Co-op Assn
O'Neill - Central Valley Ag Co-op
Spalding - Country Partners Co-op
Waverly - Farmers Co-op Co
York - United Farmers Co-op
AGP - Omaha
Eastern Nebraska Grain LLC - Lincoln

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 2010

- 15 D/M Workshop - Sidney Holiday Inn
- 16 D/M Workshop - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 21 D/M Workshop - York Holiday Inn

January 2011

- 4 Director Certification Program, Phases 1 & 3 - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 5 Director Certification Program, Phases 2 & 4 - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 5 Nebraska Legislature Convenes
- 6 Graduate Director Seminar 3 - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 24 NCC Legislative Advisory Committee Meeting - Lincoln

February 2011

- 15 Board Officer Seminar - Lincoln Embassy Suites
- 16 Cooperatives For Tomorrow Seminar - Lincoln Embassy Suites
- 17 NCC Board Meeting - Lincoln

April 2011

- 15 NCC Scholarship Program Application Deadline

NCC RADIO SPOTS

Every other Friday, the Nebraska Rural Radio Network provides the Council with complimentary network airtime to present a 3-4 minute update on current cooperative issues. This allows the Council to have one more method of communicating with our members.

The radio spots air at approximately 1:15pm MT on KNEB and at 2:17pm CT on KRVN and KTIC. Our scheduled air times over the next few months are:

December 24
January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
March 4 & 18

NCC MISSION STATEMENT

To defend, protect and enhance the agricultural cooperative movement through pro-active programs in education, legislation, government affairs, communication, and regulatory issues.