



**Testimony of Greg Amundson
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Questions Pertaining to the ND Corn Council
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1. Is the ND Corn Council a true state agency bound by state procurement laws??
-If so, I bring to question this past year's agreement with 10 Acre marketing for Marketing Services related to common ground, where was the bidding??
- A new office has been secured, was that put out for bids??
2. Pertaining to testimony given in January pertaining to HB 1153, How as a state agency can they testify as opposed?? Don't they have to remain neutral??
3. As a State Agency, ND corn council would be subject to open records??? How is it as a state agency, the Council and all Board Members are not required to have a state email and all correspondence on the state servers??
4. Do any and all contracts have to go through procurement and the AG's office?? Why then does a contract with the Corn Growers Association subject to this scrutiny when contracts with NCGA, the head corn growers Association does not??

These are just a couple of questions pertaining to the council that have yet been answered and would like clarification on, there are many, more issues and questions that still need to be answered about the way they conduct business and seem to pick and choose when they want to be a state agency and when they don't. During this whole process it has become clear who runs the council and that is the state executive director, correspondence I have had tells me the board members had little contact and little knowledge of what's actually going on. The current board is told what she wants them to know and hear and that is it

Thank You

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