**ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held February 28, 2017**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Corn Growers Association was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on February 28, 2017.

 Directors present were:

 Justin Durdan Ted Mottaz

 Jeff Jarboe Kenny Hartman

 Bill Leigh Randy DeSutter

 Dave Rylander Aron Carlson

 Joe Murphy Bill Christ

 Don Guinnip Matt Rush

 Mike Homerding Grant Noland

 Terry Smith Marty Marr

Also present were:

 Rodney Weinzierl Lindsay Mitchell

 Caroline Wade Laura Gentry

 Phil Thornton Dave Loos

 Tricia Braid Jim Tarmann

 Bruce Kettler

The Board meeting was called to order by President Justin Durdan with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 pm.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Mike Homerding presented the minutes of the January Executive Committee meeting.

 **It was moved by Mike Homerding and seconded by Bill Leigh**

**THAT the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Growers Association be approved and placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

Mike Homerding presented the minutes of the January full board meeting.

 **It was moved by Mike Homerding and seconded by Terry Smith**

**THAT the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Corn Growers Association be approved and placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

TREASURERS REPORT

Grant Noland reviewed the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2017.

 **It was moved by Grant Noland and seconded by Kenny Hartman**

**THAT the treasurer’s report be placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Lindsay Mitchell provided a quick reminder of Washington, DC travel plans and hotel rooms for March 12-15.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Justin Durdan reported for the committee.

***Review of Commodity Classic/Corn Congress***

Justin reviewed the schedule for board members for tomorrow at Commodity Classic and for the rest of the week. He also discussed the procedures for reviewing policy during policy break out team meetings and procedures for debating policy resolutions during our state caucus.

***Ag Legislative Day***

Ag Legislative Day will be held on March 30 in Springfield, IL. ICGA should have 2-3 farmers there to represent them.

***Illinois Beef Legislative Reception***

ICGA and the Illinois Beef Association will cohost a legislative reception in Springfield, IL on March 21 at the State House Inn. This reception was well attended last year and helped us better know the members of the Illinois General Assembly. Two or three ICGA directors should plan to attend.

***ICGA Legislative Intern***

ICGA would like to hire a legislative intern for the summer 2017.

 **It was moved by the committee**

 **THAT ICGA commit $5,000 for a summer 2017 legislative intern.**

 **The motion carried.**

***NCGA Leadership Academy***

NCGA Leadership Academy applications are due March 24. ICGA is also looking for DuPont Young Leader applicants.

***Washington, DC Meeting***

Rod Weinzierl reviewed the purpose of the ICGA Washington, DC meeting and the eight team topics of focus: Farm Bill, Trade (2), Conservation, Sustainability, Ethanol, and Transportation.

***Obligated Party Issue***

Rod Weinzierl discussed a debate over who should be the obligated party regarding RINs and the RFS. Growth Energy and the Renewable Fuels Association are right now at odds over a rumored deal that RFA has cut with the Trump Administration. The ICGA board needs to be updated as this is a topic likely to come up in many discussions during this week in San Antonio.

***Joint Work With ICMB***

ICMB would like ICGA to consider a joint advertisement regarding sustainability work completed by both associations in tandem.

**It was moved by Jeff Jarboe, second by Marty Marr**

**THAT ICGA commit $4,000 to place a joint ICMB/ICGA ad in Agrinews and Farmweek to help farmers understand our nutrient loss, conservation, and sustainability programming.**

 **It was moved by Randy DeSutter, seconded by Ted Mottaz**

**To amend the motion by adding “in addition to accompanying feature stories”**

 **The amendment carried.**

 **The motion now reads:**

**THAT ICGA commit $4,000 to place a joint ICMB/ICGA ad in AGrinews and Farmweek, in addition to accompany feature stories, to help farmers understand our nutrient loss, conservation, and sustainability programing.**

 **The motion carried.**

***Dicamba Flagging***

Rod shared a proposed program to flag fields with Dicamba.

Randy DeSutter participated in a conference call on this issue and provided an update on the proposed program from his perspective. Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Soybean Association are not supportive of this idea.

 **It was moved by Randy DeSutter, seconded by Bill Leigh**

**THAT ICGA not support the Dicamba flagging proposal, but continue working on educating Illinois farmers about Dicamba use and other stewardship issues.**

 **The motion carried.**

 **It was moved by Jeff Jarboe and seconded by Grant Noland**

**THAT we approve the Executive Committee Report.**

 **The motion carried.**

Bruce Kettler provided an update on Beck’s Hybrids activities and programs.

 **It was moved by Marty Marr and seconded by Bill Leigh**

 **THAT the meeting be adjourned.**

 **The motion carried.**

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 Mike Homerding, Secretary