**ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held January 15, 2021**

A virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Growers Association was held on January 15, 2021.

Directors present were:

Randy DeSutter Bill Leigh

Kate Danner Sarah Hastings

Terry Smith Marty Marr

Also present were:

Jim Tarmann Rod Weinzierl

Kayla Veeder

***Business Services Committee Report***

The committee met yesterday to review the executive director performance evaluation report prepared by Newport Group.

***NCGA Priorities & Emerging Issues Meeting***

High octane low carbon legislation had a lot of support at the meeting. Infrastructure and trade were also at the top of the priority list.

***Corn Congress Virtual Meeting Update***

Resolutions are due to NCGA by February 11. The NCGA Resolutions Committee will review resolutions and send out an update on February 16. We will schedule a state caucus meeting the last week of February. Rod reviewed the schedule for Commodity Classic. We plan to schedule our Illinois policy meeting later this month, pending the next COVID-19 update.

***March DC Visit Update***

We will not be going to Washington, DC in March but we will work to set virtual meetings with our congressional delegation. It is important for us to continue to advocate for our priorities while we’re unable to be there in person.

***Wheat Association Sponsorship***

The Illinois Wheat Association does not have a checkoff program and the committee discussed sponsoring the association. They primarily operate as a committee out of Illinois Farm Bureau.

**It was moved by Kate Danner and seconded by Marty Marr**

**THAT we sponsor the Illinois Wheat Association for $1,000, with funds from the ICGA Grassroots Committee.**

**The motion carried.**

***Farm Bill Task Force***

The Farm Bill Task Force will try to have a meeting before harvest this year and will work on farm bill strategies and report back to the board. This task force typically conducts a member survey and/or listening sessions on farm bill priorities throughout the state.

***ICGA 50th Anniversary***

The committee discussed options for celebrating ICGA’s 50th anniversary. The committee considered an additional IL Corn history book, a 50th anniversary event this summer, or a 50th anniversary pin to send out to ICGA members.

***NCGA PAC Report***

Marty Marr reviewed the latest NCGA CornPAC update and touched on the 2022 election cycle scorecard. The NCGA virtual CornPAC auction will be on Sunday, February 28.

***NCGA Action Team Reports***

Kate Danner gave an update on the Production Technology Access Action Team. Bill Leigh gave an update on the Risk Management Action Team. Marty Marr gave an update on the Member & Consumer Engagement Action Team. Terry Smith gave an update on the Market Development Action Team. Randy DeSutter gave an update on the Sustainable Ag Research Action Team.

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

**THAT we adjourn the meeting.**

**The motion carried.**

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Kate Danner, Secretary