**ILLINOIS CORN MARKETING BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held January 15, 2021**

A virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board was held on January 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Dirk Rice, Chairman.

 Those present were:

 Roger Sy Mark Wilson

 Jim Reed Jon Rosenstiel

 Dirk Rice Tim Lenz

 Jeff Scates

 Also present were:

 Kayla Veeder Rod Weinzierl

 Jim Tarmann

***Petition Availability***

Rodney met with Illinois Soybeans to discuss commodity elections for 2021. The committee discussed options for completing petitions in this election cycle. The committee discussed electronic platforms to collect signatures. Rod will continue to work with other commodity groups and develop a plan that will work for everyone.

***Funding for Executive Programs & Communications Plan***

 **It was moved by Roger Sy and seconded by Jeff Scates**

**THAT we commit $2,000 for the 2021 State Fair.**

 **The motion carried.**

The Gateway Food for Thought program focuses on increasing awareness around food and agriculture in the St. Louis area.

 **It was moved by Mark Wilson and seconded by Tim Lenz**

 **THAT we commit $1,000 for the Gateway Food for Thought program.**

 **The motion carried.**

The committee discussed the Captain Cornelius costume. The committee typically approves funds for shipping and maintenance of the costume.

 **It was moved by Jon Rosenstiel and seconded by Roger Sy**

**THAT we commit funding for the following Communications Plan programs:**

**-Captain Cornelius $1,000**

 **The motion carried.**

***NCGA Priorities & Emerging Issues Report***

Mark Wilson gave an update on the topics of discussion during the recent priorities meeting with NCGA. Ethanol, trade, and infrastructure were some of the top priorities coming out of the meeting.

***Corn Congress Virtual Meeting Overview***

The deadline to submit resolutions to NCGA is February 11. Caucuses are set the last week of February. Rod reviewed a rough schedule for Commodity Classic/Corn Congress. Pending the guidelines set by the governor, we intend to schedule our policy meeting the last week of January.

***Business Services Committee Report***

The Business Services Committee met yesterday to review the Executive Director Performance report and analysis, completed by Newport Group. Dirk Rice reported on the meeting.

***Strategic Plan Update***

All committees have a set of draft goals to review at our board meetings next week. Collin Watters will be participating in committee meetings to facilitate these discussions.

 **It was moved by Roger Sy and seconded by Jim Reed**

 **THAT the meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.**

 **The motion carried.**

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 Jon Rosenstiel, Secretary