**ILLINOIS CORN MARKETING BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held July 5, 2017**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Carbondale, Illinois on July 5, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Jim Raben, Chairman.

 Those present were:

 Jim Raben Roger Sy

 Paul Jeschke Mark Wilson

 Dirk Rice Tom Mueller

 Don Duvall

 Also present were:

 Rodney Weinzierl Kayla Veeder

 Dan Cole Pat Dumoulin

 Jim Reed

***ICMB Election***

The ICMB election is tomorrow. Preliminary results should be available by Monday.

***NCGA Action Team Applications***

NCGA Action Team applications are available. They are due back to the state office on August 11.

***NCGA Corn Congress***

We have invited the NCGA corn board candidates to join us during our breakfast on July 19. They will have an opportunity to introduce themselves.

There are a lot of proposed resolutions for this session of Corn Congress. We have set up conference calls for each policy group next week to discuss these changes. Some of these resolutions will likely be tabled until the March session but we will know more next week.

***US Grains Council Election***

The committee discussed the upcoming US Grains Council election. Jim Raben and Tom Mueller are both seeking a position or office.

***Proposed FY18 Budget***

The committee reviewed the proposed FY18 budget.

***Executive Programs & Communication Plan***

**It was moved by Dirk Rice and seconded by Paul Jeschke**

 **THAT we approve the following executive programs for FY18:**

 **IL Ag Leadership Foundation $12,500**

 **Farm Assets Conference $2,500**

 **State FFA Officer Mission $1,000**

 **The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Tom Mueller and seconded by Dirk Rice**

 **THAT we approve the following Communications Plan programs for FY18:**

 **Radio Production $1,000**

**The motion carried.**

***U of I-University Owned Farmland Management***

The U of I board of trustees is considering reversing the decision they made ten years ago when they went to a strictly cash rent, high bid approach. As a result of this decision, less farms have been bequeathed to them in recent years. The board of trustees is considering moving back to a crop share approach in which they would work with the family who bequeaths the farm. We would like to consider writing a letter in support of this change.

 **It was moved by Tom Mueller and seconded by Dirk Rice**

**THAT we encourage ICGA to send a letter to the U of I board of trustees in support of changing to crop share instead of cash rent for University of Illinois owned farmland.**

 **The motion carried.**

***Penetration Testing***

Kayla has investigated different options for testing the security of our server/network and presented a proposal for penetration testing.

 **It was moved by Paul Jeschke and seconded by Don Duvall**

**THAT we proceed with Penetration Testing with Defend Edge at a cost of up to $8,500.**

 **The motion carried.**

***Director Interviews***

Kayla will send out the ICMB director interview schedule in early August.

***Past Director Event***

Illinois Corn will host a past director event on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 for all past leaders of the organization. We will also invite past directors to an “update” session that will get past directors informed on current ICMB and ICGA projects.

 **It was moved by Roger Sy and seconded by Paul Jeschke**

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

 **The motion carried.**

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 Roger Sy, Secretary