**ILLINOIS CORN MARKETING BOARD**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held June 3-4, 2020**

A meeting of the directors of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board was held virtually on June 3-4, 2020. Prior to this meeting, Illinois Corn hosted program updates in an effort to focus on action items during this board meeting.

 Directors present were:

 Don Duvall Jon Rosenstiel

 Dan Cole Roger Sy

 Pat Dumoulin Tim Lenz

 Jim Reed Mark Wilson

 Bill Long Dirk Rice

 Dale Haudrich Jeff Scates

 Mike Wurmnest Paul Jeschke

 Rob Elliott

 Also present were:

 Rodney Weinzierl Laura Gentry

 Dave Loos Jim Tarmann

 Lindsay Mitchell Suzie Rogers

 Kayla Veeder Travis Deppe

 Megan Dwyer Ashley Deal

 Collin Watters Tim Thompson

Roger Sy, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and the board reviewed the agenda.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Jim Reed reviewed the minutes of the March Executive Committee meeting, March full board meeting, March Industrial Committee meeting, April full board conference call, and May full board conference call.

  **It was moved by Jim Reed and seconded by Pat Dumoulin**

**THAT the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, March 4-5, 2020 full board meeting, March 31, 2020 Industrial Committee meeting, April 8, 2020 full board meeting, and the May 11, 2020 full board meeting be approved and placed on file.**

Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

TREASURERS REPORT

Mark Wilson reviewed the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2020.

 **It was moved by Mark Wilson and seconded by Jim Reed**

 **THAT we place the Treasurers Report on file.**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

The full board met virtually on June 2, 2020 to review the proposed FY21 budget. The board reviewed the proposal.

 **It was moved by Mark Wilson and seconded by Dan Cole**

 **THAT we approve the FY21 budget.**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Rod Weinzierl gave a brief legislative update.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Kayla reminded directors that Districts 1, 4, 7, 10, and 13 are up for election this year. The election will be on July 7 this year. The Illinois Department of Ag is prepared to send out absentee ballots.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Roger Sy reported for the committee.

***ICMB Election***

Absentee ballots will be available starting on June 7. ICGA leaders have agreed to send an election notice to ICGA members in the five ICMB districts up for election this year. Those members will be receiving an absentee ballot request postcard.

***FY21 Proposed Meeting Dates***

The committee reviewed the proposed FY21 meeting dates. This schedule is subject to change as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

***July Meeting***

Roger Sy informed the committee that we are trying to stay flexible with details around the July board meeting. Vendors have been accommodating and we should know more about the status of the Illinois stay-at-home order by the end of May.

***NCGA Corn Board Elections***

NCGA Corn Congress will be held virtually this year. We will arrange an opportunity for Illinois delegates to interact with NCGA Corn Board candidates prior to the election. Candidates will be asked to complete the Illinois Corn member priority survey as well as state any conflicts of interest.

***Funding for Programs***

 **It was recommended by the committee**

**THAT we commit $2,500 for the IFB Annual Meeting.**

The committee expressed interest in requesting a formal in-person proposal from Illinois Farm Bureau for the Ag in the Classroom Program this year.

***CornBelters***

CornBelters leadership reached out to seek guidance on a plan for reopening the Corn Crib. The current plan is to allow athletes and their parents in the venue for games after July 4.

***Budget Process for 2020-2021***

Suzie Rogers will be meeting with the ICMB finance committee next week to finalize details of the proposed FY21 budget.

***Past Director Event***

We hope to have more information on the status of the stay-at-home order in order to make a more informed decision on hosting this event.

 **It was moved by Roger Sy and seconded by Pat Dumoulin**

**THAT we approve the report of the Executive Committee with a total budget impact of $2,500.**

Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

EXPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dale Haudrich reported for committee.

*Goal 1: Start construction of two new lock replacements within the Upper Mississippi River Basin by 2019.*

Jim Tarmann talked about our priorities with waterways. The Senate has passed their version of the WRDA bill. They changed the percentages in our favor, and we are waiting on the House to take up their WRDA bill. All 18 Illinois House Delegates signed on to the 75% - 25% financing level.

Kentucky Lake has had some problems with Asian Carp. Many techniques that they are planning to use at the Brandon Rd tributary they have tested out at Kentucky Lake.

*Goal 2: Increase domestic and foreign demand for corn and corn-based products through improved sustainability of corn production and uses regarding it’s carbon footprint, water, nutrient inputs and other sustainable measures by 400 million bushels.*

Collin Watters gave an update on the work of Kristy Moore. Collin touched upon how Indonesia has become a new ethanol market and how big of opportunity it has become.

Megan Dwyer explained putting the publication together about the benefits of land use change and getting the EPA to update their numbers.

Travis Deppe talked about the PCM booklet and about the hard work that went into this project. The booklet will be hitting mailboxes soon so be on the lookout for it. Travis talked about the interview process for the new PCM position and their start date is June 17th.

*Goal 3: Inform a growing world population of the benefits of the improving technology of food production.*

Rod Weinzierl talked about the new CFAP program and how we sponsored a FarmDoc about this new program. He also briefed about an email going out to provide information on additional details about the CFAP program. He also gave insight to fill out CFAP sooner rather than later before the money ran out, even though he expects it to be replenished.

Megan Dwyer said farmers need to have a certificate for those transporting anhydrous tanks at their supply location. There will be additional information about it to come out soon.

*Goal 4: Invest in and collaborate with others on research, demonstration, adoption, measurement and modeling of natural resource issues to promote science-based, voluntary solutions to environmental regulatory concerns.*

Laura Gentry talked about the field lab in Macoupin County and working with a professor at UIUC and the continued progress being made on the field lab.

Megan Dwyertalked about working on a few projects with ISAP and included upcoming workshops. Megan also gave an update on the water sampling program. Overall, the program went really well and many farmers appreciated it.

Megan talked about the GIS mapping results from new data for conservation and cover crops.

Dan Obert gave an update on where the Illinois Monarch Project stands and the recent submission from the Ag Sector on how many acres of habitat the monarchs have.

Megan Dwyer gave an update on the NCGA Stewardship Action Team and talked about updates with water quality and how the work will impact IL Corn.

*Goal 5: Increase corn, DDGs, and other corn co-products exports to 3.5 billion bushels by 2020.*

Collin Watters gave an update about ethanol production and how much it decreased due to the pandemic and when it is expected to resume previous production levels. He also brought up the concern of Consolidated Grain and Barge acquiring the Bunge grain elevators from Savanna to the Quad Cities area and possibly creating a monopoly. He then asked board members if they’ve heard any concerns about the proposed sales of Bunge elevators. He also talked about using ProExporter but decided against the request until he had something firm in hand.

*Goal 6: Increase corn and corn co-product usage by the domestic and international livestock sector by 25 percent by 2022.*

Collin Watters talked about USMEF and USAPEEC funding along with U.S. Grains Council and the level of detail behind the funding agreements.

Megan and Dan updated the group on the collaborative effort from IL Pork, IL Beef and IL Corn to help during this time.

**It was moved by Dale Haudrich and seconded by Dirk Rice**

**THAT the report of the Exports Committee be approved.**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Jon Rosenstiel reported for the committee.

*Goal 1: Expand cornstarch to ethanol usage to 6.5 billion bushels by 2022.*

Dave Loos gave an update on the status of USDA’s Higher Blend Infrastructure Program and the board discussed leveraging USDA funds with our own to help deploy more infrastructure in Illinois.

 **It was moved by the committee**

**THAT ICMB commit up to $100,000 to support higher blends of ethanol infrastructure deployment in Illinois through leveraging funds from USDA’s Higher Blend Infrastructure Program. (Goal 1B)**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Absent for Vote

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

Dave Loos gave an update on stations selling higher blends of ethanol in Illinois and gave an overview of those who may be eligible and eager to participate in USDA’s higher Blend Infrastructure Program.

**It was recommended by the committee**

**THAT ICMB commit up to $50,000 to leverage additional funding from USDA’s Higher Blend Infrastructure Program to increase the number of stations selling higher blends of ethanol in Illinois. (Goal 1D)**

*Goal 2: By 2021, increase from 1,224 million bushels to 1,600 million bushels of corn processed for food, feed, bioproducts and fuel in the state.*

Dave Loos updated the committee on the DDG aquaculture study at NCERC and reviewed a proposal to finish up research on this project.

**It was recommended by the committee**

**THAT ICMB Commit up to $50,000 to NCERC to finalize the research development program with SIU-Edwardsville on using high protein DDGS for aquaculture. (Goal 2E)**

*Goal 4: Amplify IL Corn’s goals and the efforts of partner organizations’ consumer outreach programing as it relates to building confidence and trust in corn farmers and corn farming methodologies through sponsorships, programs, and training.*

Lindsay Mitchell reviewed our Illinois Runs on Homegrown Corn campaign with Morgan Myers and reviewed a plan for producing a set of docuseries videos.

**It was moved by the committee**

**THAT ICMB commit $135,000 for docuseries videos to support Illinois Runs on Homegrown Corn and Illinois Farm Families consumer messaging. (Goal 4A3)**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

 **It was moved by the committee**

**THAT ICMB commit $200,000 for consumer messaging about ethanol and corn. (Goal 4A4)**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

 **It was moved by Jon Rosenstiel and seconded by Pat Dumoulin**

**THAT the report of the Industrial Committee be approved including all committee recommendations with a total budget impact of $535,000.**

 Pat Dumoulin: Yes

 Jon Rosenstiel: Yes

 Rob Elliott: Yes

 Mark Wilson: Yes

 Paul Jeschke: Yes

 Dirk Rice: Yes

 Jim Reed: Yes

 Mike Wurmnest: Yes

 Dan Cole: Yes

 Bill Long: Yes

 Tim Lenz: Yes

 Roger Sy: Yes

 Don Duvall: Yes

 Dale Haudrich: Yes

 Jeff Scates: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Pat Dumoulin and seconded by Tim Lenz**

 **THAT we adjourn the meeting.**

**The motion carried.**

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 Jim Reed, Secretary