**ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting**

**Held May 15, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Growers Association was held on Friday, May 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00am by President, Bill Leigh.

 Directors present were:

 Ted Mottaz Marty Marr

 Matt Rush Mike Homerding

 Randy DeSutter Bill Leigh

 Keith Sanders

 Also present were:

 Rodney Weinzierl Jim Tarmann

 Kayla Veeder

***NCGA Corn Congress***

NCGA leaders will be making decisions about July Action Team meetings and Corn Congress the week of May 18. It is unlikely that the meeting will be in Washington, DC. We will arrange an opportunity for Illinois delegates to interact with NCGA Corn Board candidates prior to the election.

***FY21 Proposed Meeting Dates***

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

 **It was moved by Ted Mottaz and seconded by Marty Marr**

 **THAT we approve the meeting dates for FY21 as presented.**

 **The motion carried.**

***Illinois State Fair Update***

We expect a complete cancellation or significant attendee restrictions at the Illinois State Fair this year. We should know more later this month.

***Naperville Settlement Request***

We received a request from the Naperville Settlement for the use of our name to support their request for funding to update and develop buildings through the State of Illinois. The committee agreed to allow the Naperville Settlement to use our name in support of the request.

***Proposed Budget Discussion***

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

***Past Directors Event***

We will discuss this event in more detail during our full board meeting. 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.

***ICGA Board Elections***

The ICGA Bylaws state that At-Large candidates in the ICGA election must appear in person at a state board meeting no later than the August meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting this requirement will be challenging. The committee discussed the possibility of suspending this requirement for the 2020 election year.

 **It was moved by Marty Marr and seconded by Keith Sanders**

**THAT we suspend the requirement in Article V, Section 4 of the ICGA Bylaws as stated: “appear in person at a state board meeting no later than the August meeting” for the 2020 election cycle.**

 Roll Call:

 Ted Mottaz: Yes

 Matt Rush: Yes

 Randy DeSutter: Yes

 Keith Sanders: Yes

 Marty Marr: Yes

 Mike Homerding: Yes

 Bill Leigh: Yes

 **The motion carried.**

***Strategic Plan***

Working groups continue to make progress on the strategic planning process. There will be some high-level discussions that need to happen at our next in-person meeting.

***Depopulation Funding***

The state of Illinois has budgeted funds for additional state vets. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois Pork and Illinois Beef are supportive of utilizing this funding for depopulation assistance.

***New Hire***

Jacqueline Muhhamad will be joining the IL Corn team as the Director of Biofuels Programs and Public Policy.

 **It was moved by Marty Marr and seconded by Keith Sanders**

**THAT we adjourn the meeting.**

 **The motion carried.**

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 Keith Sanders, Secretary