ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

7 February 2025
6:00 p.m.
Hamilton Campus, 707 Ellsworth Ave, Iowa Falls, IA

Attending:			
Louis Beck, Chair	X	*Ex Officio:*	
Kyla Burns	X	Gus Elliott	
Dave Conrads	X	Chris Like	
Heather Gamm, Treasurer	X	Jerry Neppel	X
Jared McGovern	X	Carlee Sabus	
Tiffany Morgan, Vice/Sec'y	X		
Ted Neal			
Jim Pifer	X	*Contractor:* Linette Bernard	x
Kean Roberts			
Peg Steffen		*Guests:*	
Samuel Taylor	X	Ellen Carman	
Tony Vorwald		Melissa Haugo	x

Quorum was confirmed, then Louis Beck called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Heather Gamm made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Kyla Burns. Motion passed.

Tiffany Morgan made the motion to approve the 8 January 2025 meeting minutes as written. Second by Jerry Neppel. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Heather Gamm provided the account status, noting that the savings account balance reflects workshop income and the checking account balance is higher to allow for workshop expenses to be paid. ICEC continues to operate at a deficit using the savings balance.

Action Items

1. Approve 2025 Budget – Louis Beck provided a summary of the proposed changes from the Ad Hoc Committee that included reducing the travel budget, cancelling the Zoom account. The proposed budget is still a deficit budget with about half of the amount in savings encumbered to the WILD Resources program with Iowa DNR to support all the WILD projects. Sam Taylor made the motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Dave Conrads second. Motion passed. ExCom will need to explore additional ways to generate revenue and / or reduce costs.
2. Approve 2025 ExCom slate of officers – by unanimous consent the 2025 officers are: Tiffany Morgan, Chair; Jared McGovern, Vice-Chair; Ellen Carman, Secretary; and Sam Taylor, Treasurer. Thanks was given to outgoing treasurer, Heather Gamm, for her service.
3. Set 2025 ExCom meeting dates – Louis Beck suggested the 3rd Tuesday of April, June, August, October, and December from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. as meeting dates. Heather Gamm made the motion to accept the proposed dates for ExCom meetings. Second by Sam Taylor. Motion passed. The 2025 ExCom meeting dates: 15 April, 17 June, 19 August, 21 October, and 16 December.

Discussion Items

1. Last minute Winter Workshop 2025 details – QR codes for schedule are placed throughout the building, The building will be unlocked at 7:00 a.m., catering will arrive by 7:30 a.m. to set up food in the north hallway with folks eating where they choose in one of the classrooms. Louis Beck will provide introduction at the annual meeting, with welcome remarks from Ellsworth administration representative and from EmiLee Novak with the ECC Conservation Technology Program.
2. 2026 Winter Workshop date and location – Kirkwood Community College has agreed to host us next year in their Horticulture Building on either 7 February or 21 February. Dave Conrads made the motion to have Winter Workshop at Kirkwood CC on 21 February 2026. Secon by Sam Taylor. Motion passed.

Updates

1. IPBS Blitz update – Tiffany Morgan provided an update that the events have concluded and went well. Morgan thanked everyone for all the support.
2. Website updates – Linette Bernard reported the new KinderNature.org site has launched and the biggest change you will notice is that the site is mobile friendly. The updated iowaee.org site will launch after Winter Workshop.

Informational

1. There will be a motion at the Annual Meeting to modify the bylaws to make meeting quorum easier.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.