



August 30, 2022

**NREC Council Meeting
Illinois Soybean Association Office
1605 Commerce Parkway
Bloomington, IL
10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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I. Call to Order

Jeff Kirwan, Chair

1. Public Participation at Council Meetings and Committee Meetings

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2. Introductions

3. Review agenda –

II. Review & Approval of March 15, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Chuck Cawley,

Secretary

III. Public Comment Period

IV. Strategic Planning Update

**Bethany Jaeger, Drew Thomason
with KEB**

V. Executive Director Report

Julie Hewitt, Executive Director

VI. Financial Report

Don Guinnip, Treasurer

a. IDOA Update on Assessment Estimates & Collections

Chuck Cawley

- b. 2022 Financials and 2023 Budget Initial Review Julie
- VII. Research Committee Report Matt Duncan/Shani Golovay
 - a. Review of voting procedures
 - b. Review of 2023 Project Proposals; Committee Recommendation
- VIII. Other Business
 - a. Committee Assignments, Council term review, Executive Committee terms
 - b. 2023 Budget approval
- IX. 2022-23 Meeting Schedule Julie
- X. Adjourn



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Held in person:

Illinois Department of Agriculture – FFA Room

AND via ZOOM

MINUTES

Chairman Jeff Kirwan called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Council members present in-person include Jeff Kirwan, Don Guinnip, David Wessel, Scott Lager, Matt Duncan, Chris Matlock, Jake Vossenkemper, Chuck Cawley. Council members present online include Al Grosboll, Tim Laatsch, and Cindy Skrukud. Staff members Julie Hewitt and Shani Golovay were also present.

In addition, Austin Omer (ILFB), Bethany Jaeger (KEB), Drew Thomason (KEB), Liz Hobart (GROWMARK), Brenda Eller (IDOA), Kate Ward (KEB) and Jeff Squibb (IDOA) and John Rassi (CLA) were also present.

After introductions, Chairman Kirwan reviewed the agenda.

Secretary Chuck Cawley reviewed the minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting and moved to accept the minutes as presented. Matt Duncan seconded that motion and the motion passed.

Chuck Cawley provided an update on the collection of invoicing and collections of the assessment fees. He reported that the uncollected past due balances now account for less than .3% of the reported fees and that most of them have been determined to be uncollectable due to bankruptcy and business' no longer in operation. He provided an update on the reporting process that is in place for NREC, IDOA and KEB. This new system has created additional efficiencies and streamlined the process of reviewing collections.

John Rassi of Clifton, Larson, Allen LLP presented his firm's findings of the 2021 Audit. A copy of the audit findings are attached to the minutes. Scott Lager moved to approve the Audit as presented and make it a part of the permanent council records. David Wessel seconded the motion, and it was approved by the council.

The remaining portion of the meeting was held in a Strategic Planning retreat which was facilitated by Bethany Jaeger and Drew Thomason of KEB. The notes from that session are attached as Attachment B.

Don Guinnip moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. David Wessel seconded.