

# IACC Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026 - DRAFT

## Virtual Meeting - Zoom Online

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Meeting ID: 823 4015 7843

Agendas and Minutes for previous meetings are available at

<https://www.iowarecycles.org/compost/>

Board Members Present: Zac Hornung, Jeff Philips, Joe Mayne, Kapil Arora, Jennifer Trent, Caley Parish, Joe Bolick, Abe Sandquist

Absent: Jeff Bradley

Guests: Ted Dirkx, Jeremy Shannon

Zac Hornung, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Motion to approve the May 14, 2026 Meeting Agenda was made by Joe Bolick and seconded by Jennifer Trent. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve April 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Jennifer Trent and seconded by Caley Parish. Motion approved unanimously.

Chapter Director's Report: Jennifer Trent shared that she had no major updates to report.

DNR Report: Theresa Stiner and Mike Sullivan were not present at this meeting. So, no report from Iowa DNR.

Board Chairperson's Report: Zac updated the group on the new administrative partnership with Recycling Connections and IRA, which will handle membership renewals and website management.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Zac Hornung discussed plans for an upcoming annual meeting and golf outing. the meeting.
2. Organizational: No report
3. Programs and Training: Jeff Phillips discussed plans for upcoming programs, including a DNR rule changes presentation in August and a potential water quality improvement webinar in the fall. Jennifer Trent expressed concerns about webinar

attendance and profitability, suggesting it might be better to hold the water quality presentation in person after the IRA conference.

4. **Advocacy:** Abe Sandquist presented the group with the importance of the new Farm Bill designating compost as a conservation practice. The group discussed the need to ensure compost funding is included in the Senate version of the Farm Bill. The group agreed to draft a letter to senators, with Abe offering to lead the effort, though the group first needed to gather input from conservation districts. Jennifer offered to reach out to US Composting Council advocacy staff to discuss national-level strategy and needs for USDA cost share program.
5. **Communications and Marketing:** Joe Bolick discussed potential partnerships and messaging around composting and organic recycling initiatives. The group discussed pursuing appropriations for fertilizer independence. The team agreed to coordinate with CDIs and USDA on drafting a letter to legislators once the group gathers input from CDIs and determine the national cost implications of the program. Joe Bolick will also communicate with the Iowa Environmental Council and will send invitations for both the annual meeting and golf outing.
6. **Finance:** Caley shared financial updates, noting the Iowa Compost Council fund account has reached \$29,652.64. Zac mentioned submitting a new budget to Bryce, the treasurer of IRA, and is awaiting feedback.

#### Old Business

**Golf Outing Planning:** The board discussed logistics for an upcoming golf outing. All board members are requested to bring a nice bottle (or basket) to donate for the golf outing fundraiser.

Zac mentioned that the facility would be celebrating their Facility of the Year recognition at the USCC Annual Conference after July 1st.

#### New Business

- Jennifer and Zac to discuss awards and associated funding needs for the golf outing/annual meeting (to be brought to board for approval)

Meeting adjourned at 02:15 PM – Jeff Phillips made the motion, Seconded by Joe Bolick

Next Regular Board Meeting 1:00 PM, June 04, 2026 virtual online.

IACC Annual Membership Meeting: June 09, 2026 from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM at The Shop DSM Event Center 901 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

First Ever IACC Golf Outing Fundraiser: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 starting at 9:00 AM at the Toad Valley Golf Course in Pleasant Hill, IA.

