



Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025
1:00PM

Meeting Location:
Room 33, College of Business
University of Northern Iowa
8120 Jennings Dr. Cedar Falls

Virtual

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbg
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Members Present: John Foster, Jenny Trent, Jeff Phillips, Joe Bolick, Karmin McShane, Jeff Bradley, Caley Parrish and Joe Mayne

Absent: Abe Sandquist

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at pm January 9, 2025, by Foster at 1:05pm. Roll call was conducted by Foster.

Phillips moved to approve the agenda seconded by Bradley. All ayes, motion carried.

Trent moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 15, 2024, with an edit to spelling of Bradley's name, seconded by McShane some discussion regarding the editing the letterhead ensued. All ayes, motion carried.

Chapter Director's Report: Trent reported that Executive Director Frank Franciosi announced his retirement and the appointment of Linda Norris-Waldt as new executive director effective July 1, 2025. A new USCC feedback form is available on the member portal via the website. Discussion ensued regarding USCC committee opportunities, connect with Trent if interested.

Iowa DNR Report: None

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Report: McShane reported the updated list is underway, still working with IRA and recently informed IRA is moving away from Star Chapter because of the ongoing challenges. This will hopefully be an opportunity to streamline and share current information including membership, payments and invoices. Discussion ensued. A concern was raised regarding impacts in transition. More discussion ensued.

Programs and Training Committee Report: Phillips reported the committee is planning a webinar in March with a speaker from USDA to discuss EQUIP dollars, carbon sequestration and farm sector opportunities. Discussion ensued regarding hosting a webinar with IDNR regarding rule revisions in June or July to be hosted by IWRC.

Advocacy Committee Report: No report. Discussion of a plan to schedule a meeting to discuss draft chapter 105 rules ensued; Foster will schedule in the next week. Foster reported the committee has not heard back from IDALS regarding rules.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report: An IRA webinar planned for February 12 highlighting USCC President Trent and IACC Chair Foster to increase awareness of what the organizations are doing.

Organizational Development Committee: Foster had nothing to report.

Finance Committee: Parrish highlighted the current financial report from January, he reviewed balance and reconciliations.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other

Foster reminded members to submit details and photos for the rebate program.
Compost Conference January 27 -30, 2025 Phoenix, AZ
Legislative Breakfast February 18, 2025

Adjourn: Phillips made a motion to adjourn due to a lack of further business at 2:05pm; seconded by Mayne All ayes, Motion carried. Next meeting Virtual 1:00pm February 13, 2025

Strategic Planning work session to follow.

Respectively submitted, Karmin McShane, Secretary