



## Meeting Minutes

**February 13, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:**

Virtual

Meeting Link: [meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbq](https://meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbq) Phone: 1 785-422-7977

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**Members Present:** John Foster, Jenny Trent, Jeff Phillips, Joe Bolick, Karmin McShane, Jeff Bradley, Joe Mayne, and Abe Sandquist

**Absent:** Caley Parrish

**Guests:** Theresa Stiner, Zac Hornung

Foster called The meeting to order on February 13, 2025, at 1:02 pm. The roll call was conducted by Foster.

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

Trent moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2025, seconded by Mayne. All ayes, motion carried.

**Chapter Director's Report:** Trent thanked the board for attending the USCC conference. The USCC Board is meeting in March to do some strategic planning and overhaul the DEI committee. The Young Professionals committee will become emerging professionals.

**IRA update:** Bolick updated on the membership status and bylaws. Bylaws are clear: new members are prorated at a monthly rate, and renewals are to be paid the full membership fee. A meeting with IRA will be scheduled to review membership tracking and the payment process. Legislative breakfast is on February 18th, and several members said they would attend.

**Iowa DNR Report:** Stiner reported a DNR Land Quality Section opening due to Wilkens' promotion and Tim Hall's retirement. IDNR is working on EO10 rules and plans to respond next week; Stiner appreciates IACC's input on the process. The board thanked Stiner for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Committee Reports:

**Membership Committee Report:** McShane reported seven expired members are waiting for renewal and are still working with IRA to gain payment. She will follow up with the renewed members for volunteer opportunities.

**Programs and Training Committee Report:** Phillips will bring the compost operator renewal training outline to the council for IDNR approval. USDA is on board to do a webinar in the late spring. Discussion ensued regarding a potential field day with practical farmers of Iowa. The council is interested in supporting this effort. Early fall or late summer. Trent mentioned an interested farmer from New Providence, IA: <https://sewarddeadstock.com/>. Discussion ensued regarding farmer-to-farmer field day opportunities. Phillips mentioned the IACC webinar was positive; Bolick will forward a list of attendee names to the membership committee so attendees can be engaged in future events. McShane will reach out to list and thank members for attending.

**Advocacy Committee Report:** Sandquist was at the Agri-Business Network conference in Des Moines and conversed with leadership there. Farmers and farm service providers are interested in compost, yet consistent supply is challenging. Foster took the lead in sending comments regarding the draft of Chapter 105 to IDNR. Stiner indicated a response will be provided next week. House Study Bill was introduced yesterday to modify soil conditioners and amend beneficial substances. Foster sent the following introduced bill from IDALS to the board: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB143>; it was assigned to the agriculture subcommittee. He plans to attend the meeting on February 18, 2025. Comments from the council by Monday afternoon would be appreciated.

**Communications and Marketing Committee Report:** None

**Organizational Development Committee:** Foster had nothing to report.

**Finance Committee:** None. Financials were sent via email.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion and direction regarding Strategic Plan Update.** Foster thanked the board for attending the strategic plan update meeting last month. He reviewed priorities on FY26 Strategic Priorities. Discussion ensued, and a few edits were made. Trent moved to adopt FY26 strategic priorities, McShane seconded, all ayes and the motion carried. The board reviewed the proposed vision and mission statements. Discussion ensued, adding that the Iowa Composting Council is a member-based nonprofit organization. A few grammatical changes were made to improve the flow of the paragraph. Sandquist will edit and send it to the board for review with proposed edits. The board will review it again next month.

**New Business:** None

**Other:**

**Updated meeting Schedule.** Foster presented an update on the IACC meeting schedule.

**Legislative Breakfast is February 18, 2025, 7:30 am-9:30 am Capitol Rotunda.**

Discussion of biosolids, PFAS, and pending legislation in Texas ensued.

**Adjourn:** Trent motioned to adjourn due to a lack of further business at 2:18 pm, seconded by Mayne; all ayes and Motion carried. Next meeting Virtual 1:00 pm March 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Karmin McShane, Secretary