



**December 13, 2017**  
NREC Council Meeting  
Illinois Corn Growers Office  
14129 Carole Drive  
Bloomington, IL  
10:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order** **Jeff Kirwan, Chair**
  
- II. Review & Approval of August 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes** **Chuck Cawley, Secretary**
  
- III. Executive Director Report** **Julie Armstrong, Executive Director**
  
- IV. Financial Report** **Ted Mottaz, Treasurer**
  - a. Year End Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet
  - b. IDOA Update on Assessment Estimates & Collections **Chuck Cawley**
  - c. Carryover Funds
  - d. 2018 Budget Review **Julie**
  
- V. Research Committee Report** **Ted Mottaz/Bob Hoeft**
  - a. Review of 2018 Projects; Committee Recommendation
  - b. Long range planning
  - c. Discuss Open session versus Executive Session for project review
  - d. New and emerging Research topics
    - i. Testing new fertilizer products
    - ii. Need for standardized costing across proposals
    - iii. Cost structure for farmer payments, etc.
  
- VI. Outreach Report** **Julie**
  - a. Review outreach materials
  - b. Winter 2018 Meetings
  - c. Outreach Plans - 2018
  
- VII. NREC Operations**
  - a. Contracts Committee Update
  - b. Strategic Plan Review and next steps
  - c. Executive Director Review
  - d. Research Coordination Agreement Review
  - e. 2018 Budget presentation/approval
  
- VIII. 2018 Meeting Schedule** **Julie**
  
- IX. Adjourn**