



Minutes of the NREC Council  
February 5, 2015  
University of Illinois  
1:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Dale Hadden, Ed Corrigan, Cindy Skrukud, Chuck Cawley, Andy Knepp, Chris Matlock, Jenny Mennenga, and Matt Duncan. Also present were Dr. Robert Hoeft (NREC Research Advisor), Julie Armstrong (NREC Executive Director), Laura Gentry (ICGA), Trevor Sample (IEPA), Terry Pope, Dean Campbell, Linda Kull (ISA), Lauren Lurkins (ILFB)

Chairman Hadden called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

The meeting began with a feedback session on the NREC Research Forum which was held in the morning prior to the Council meeting. Overall the feedback was positive and the group is anxious for more concrete results to be available and shared. Specific comments were:

- Continue to see a broad group of researchers represented
- Ongoing exchange is critical
- Share the information with our stakeholders
- Review the overall data and share even preliminary findings

Julie shared a photo of the presentation of a “thank you” plaque that was given to Jean Payne at the IFCA Annual Meeting.

**Chris Matlock moved and Ed Corrigan seconded to approve the December minutes as amended. Ed Corrigan moved and Matt Duncan seconded to approve the January minutes as presented. Both motions passed.**

Julie reviewed the strategic plan proposal that was presented at the January meeting and addressed any questions that the Council had. Dale shared that the Executive Committee had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval.

**Andy Knepp moved and Ed Corrigan seconded to engage in a contract with KEB, LLP out of Springfield to conduct a Strategic Planning Project. The motion carried.**

Julie presented the proposed 2016 budget (attached).

**Ed Corrigan moved and Jenny Mennenga seconded to approve the 2016 budget as presented. The motion passed.**

Bob Hoeft reviewed the departure of Rachel Cook from SIU and shared that the projects she was managing will be either handled by other SIU faculty or wrapped up in the first half of 2016 without additional funding needed.

Chairman Hadden reviewed the proposed calendar of upcoming meetings and Julie offered to send out a Doodle Poll to check with the group on best possible dates.

**Ed Corrigan moved and Matt Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.**