



November 22, 2021

Minutes of the NREC Research Committee

Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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The committee meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by committee Chairman Matt Duncan. Committee members present were: Matt Duncan, Michael Ganschow, Jeff Kirwan, Dale Hadden, Trevor Sample, Chuck Cawley, David Wessel, David Droste, Tim Laatsch, Scott Lagger, Don Guinnip, Dirk Rice, and Cindy Skrukrud. Staff members Julie Hewitt and Shani Golovay were present as well as Illinois Farm Bureau staff member Austin Omer and Illinois Soybean Association staff member Claire Weinzierl.

Matt Duncan called for a review of the previous committee meeting minutes. Dirk Rice moved to approve and Trevor Sample seconded. Motion was approved.

Dr. Shani Golovay provided the committee with an update on NREC funded projects and the timing of final reports. She also reviewed the projects and researchers that presented at the American Society of Agronomy conference in Salt Lake City. She highlighted the collaboration and cooperation that is happening across departments and Universities. She also shared that many of the researchers indicated that they would like to have more opportunities to directly interact with the Council and Research Committees.

Dr. Golovay also reviewed the new Cover Crop guide and reviewed the plans for distribution. Trevor Sample asked if there is any updated data on removal rates that would be used to update the strategy and further asked about regional differences.

Staff reviewed the stakeholder survey questions and plans for distribution. The survey will be sent out in early January and will be used at the February meeting to work towards establishing priorities.

Staff then reviewed the plans for the upcoming Investment Insights event in Champaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. with a motion by Don Guinnip and a second by Jeff Kirwan.