

MINUTES
Iowa Energy Center
Board Meeting
December 12, 2024
1:00 p.m.

1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 – Helmick Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stuart Anderson, Chair
Craig Just, Vice Chair
Kelcey Brown
Troy DeJoode
Naomi DeWinter
Debi Durham
Erik Helland
Anne Kimber
Christy Ryken
Taaf Vermeulen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayuri Farlinger
Matt Washburn
Lanny Zieman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristin Hanks-Bents, IEDA
Lisa Connell, IEDA
Emily Hockins, IEDA
Tim Morlan, IFA

Amber Buckingham, IEDA
Terry Roberson, IEDA
Nick Michaud, IFA

Tina Hinz, IEDA
Jeff Geerts, IEDA
Nicki Howell, IFA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stephanie Weisenbach

Ronald Franz

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. Roll Call

Chair Anderson called to order the December 12, 2024 meeting of the Iowa Energy Center (IEC) Board at 1:01 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

b. Approval of August 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Durham and a second by Mr. Helland, the Board unanimously approved the August 8, 2024 IEC meeting minutes.

c. Approval of October 9, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Kimber and a second by Mr. Helland, the Board unanimously approved the October 9, 2024 IEC meeting minutes.

II. Competitive Grant Program

a. Grant Modification Request

i. 20-IEC-011

Iowa State University has requested a budget modification for award 20-IEC-011 to reallocate \$18,800 from equipment, supplies, and salaries to travel and tuition.



MOTION: Ms. Ryken made a motion to approve the budget modification for item III-C-I, 20-IEC-011. On a second made by Ms. Kimber, a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes: Stuart Anderson, Craig Just, Kelcey Brown, Troy DeJoode, Naomi DeWinter, Debi Durham, Erik Helland, Anne Kimber, Christy Ryken, and Taaf Vermeulen; No: None; Abstain: None. The motion passed.

III. Fiscal Update

Terry Roberson provided the board a fiscal update of the financial information for operations, grants, and loans.

IV. Dairyland Power Energy Storage Presentation

Ronald Franz, Director of Resource and Energy Planning at Dairyland Power Cooperative, provided a presentation on Dairyland's background and goals, an overview on their energy storage projects, and information regarding multiple grant opportunities.

V. Other Business

a. Energy Office Updates

Kristin Hanks-Bents provided updates on staff and program changes. She shared that the next round of Energy Center Grants, and the updated Policies and Procedure Manual will be delayed until next Spring or early Summer because of open positions on staff. Ms. Hanks-Bents also shared that the next Energy Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program application deadline is January 9th. and that staff hopes to receive funding for the TREC, HER and HOMES program in early 2025. In addition, DOE has approved 9 or the 11 awards for the Grid Resilience Fund and staff is working on getting those projects under contract.

b. February 6, 2025 Quarterly IEC Board Meeting

The next quarterly IEC board meeting will be held February 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

VI. Public Comment Period

No public comments were provided.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Anderson adjourned the December 12, 2024 IEC board meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Dated this 25th day of February 2025,

Respectfully submitted:

Nicki Howell
Interim Board Administrator

Approved as to form:

Stuart Anderson
Iowa Energy Center Board Chair