

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa Energy Center**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 25, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 –Mississippi Conference Room**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stuart Anderson, Chair  
Craig Just, Vice Chair  
Kelcey Brown  
Debi Durham  
Anne Kimber  
Christy Ryken  
Mayuri Farlinger  
Lanny Zieman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Matt Washburn  
Troy DeJoode  
Naomi DeWinter  
Erik Helland  
Taaf Vermeulen

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Connell, IEDA  
Emily Hockins, IEDA  
Tim Morlan, IFA  
Abbie Christophersen, IEDA  
Rick Peterson, IEDA  
Mike Thibodeau, IFA

Amber Buckingham, IEDA  
Terry Roberson, IEDA  
Nick Michaud, IFA  
Molly Kiick, IEDA  
Deanna Triplett, IEDA

Jessica Flannery, IEDA  
Jeff Geerts, IEDA  
Nicki Howell, IFA  
Molly Lopez, IEDA  
Vicky Clinkscales, IEDA

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Simon Laflamme  
Jace Mikels  
Aaron Lincoln  
Lillie Brady

Roy Sturgill  
Adam Fedders  
Peter Evans

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**a. Roll Call**

Chair Anderson called to order the February 25, 2025 meeting of the Iowa Energy Center (IEC) Board at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**b. Approval of December 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Ms. Farlinger and a second by Ms. Kimber, the Board unanimously approved the December 12, 2024 IEC meeting minutes.

**II. Fiscal Update**

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

**III. Competitive Grant Program**

**a. Grant Program Update**



Amber Buckingham provided a high-level update on the Iowa Energy Center grants. The applications will open in March 2025.

**b. Grant Modification Request**

i. 22-IEC-001

Iowa State University has requested a budget modification for award 22-IEC-001 to reallocate \$37,900 from Student Tuition and Honoraria/Services/Supplies and Payroll Benefits to more accurately reflect future project costs.

**MOTION:** Ms. Ryken made a motion to approve the budget modification for item III-B-i, 22-IEC-001. On a second made by Ms. Farlinger, a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes: Stuart Anderson, Craig Just, Kelcey Brown, Mayuri Farlinger, Anne Kimber, Christy Ryken, and Lanny Ziemen; No: None; Abstain: None. The motion passed.

Anne Kimber recused herself from the following grant modification request and left the room at 2:05 p.m.

Roy Sturgill left the room at 2:05 p.m.

ii. 21-IEC-006

Iowa State University has requested a budget modification for award 21-IEC-006 to reallocate \$39,080 from domestic travel, tuition and supplies to salaries and payroll benefits.

**MOTION:** Mr. Just made a motion to approve the budget modification for item III-B-ii, 21-IEC-006. On a second made by Ms. Ryken, a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes: Stuart Anderson, Craig Just, Kelcey Brown, Mayuri Farlinger, Christy Ryken, and Lanny Ziemen; No: None; Abstain: None. The motion passed.

Anne Kimber and Roy Sturgill returned to the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

**IV. Energy Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program (EIRLP)**

**a. Loan Application Requests**

i. City of Sergeant Bluff

The city of Sergeant Bluff's Municipal Utility has proposed constructing new electrical distribution components to improve reliability and help balance electric loading across the entire system. The Loan Committee recommends awarding a \$675,000 loan with a term of 15 years and an interest rate of 2%.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kimber made a motion to approve the full requested loan amount for item IV-a-i, City of Sergeant Bluff. On a second made by Mr. Ziemen, a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes: Stuart Anderson, Craig Just, Kelcey Brown, Mayuri Farlinger, Anne Kimber, Christy Ryken, and Lanny Ziemen; No: None; Abstain: None. The motion passed.

Debi Durham joined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

ii. City of Sioux Center

The city of Sioux Center's Municipal Utility is concerned about future energy resource adequacy and transmission viability. They propose installing four diesel generators. The Loan Committee recommends awarding a \$2,500,000 loan with a term of 15 years and an interest rate of 2%.

**MOTION:** Mr. Just made a motion to approve the full requested loan amount for item III-B-ii, City of Sioux Center. On a second made by Ms. Brown, a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes: Stuart Anderson, Craig Just, Kelcey Brown, Debi Durham, Mayuri Farlinger, Anne Kimber, Christy Ryken, and Lanny Ziemen; No: None; Abstain: None. The motion passed.

Craig Just left the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

**V. AI Mapping of Underground Infrastructure Presentation**

Roy Sturgill and Simon Laflamme, Iowa State University, presented their project on developing an AI robot platform to automate the mapping of underground infrastructure aimed to improve accuracy and reduce the time required for mapping.

**VI. Other Business**

**a. Energy Office Updates**

Lillie Brady gave a legislative update, highlighting the Governor's large energy package and its impact on the board's work.

**b. May 8, 2025 Quarterly IEC Board Meeting**

The next quarterly IEC board meeting will be held May 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**VII. Public Comment Period**

No public comments were provided.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Anderson adjourned the February 25, 2025 IEC board meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of May 2025,

**Respectfully submitted:**

Nicki Howell  
Interim Board Administrator

**Approved as to form:**

Stuart Anderson  
Iowa Energy Center Board Chair