



## Anderson addresses July board meeting

Sen. Neil Anderson addressed RICFB board members at the July board meeting and answered questions regarding the 2018 General Assembly. The newest development was the legislation passed this year in Springfield that would remove the requirement for the governor to first declare an emergency before the HSE permit takes effect. At the time of Sen. Anderson's visit, there was no definitive time for the governor signing the HB 5749. Sen. Anderson was responsible for sponsoring the HSE permit during the 2017 legislative session, and many thanks to his leadership as the minority spokesman for the Senate Agriculture committee.

**UPDATE:** That legislation (HB5749) was signed by Gov. Rauner on Saturday, Aug. 25 HOWEVER, it does not take effect until Jan. 1, 2019.

Since the legislation's provisions don't apply until fall harvest season, it means that farmers will not see the effects of this new legislation until September of next year (2019).

### IN THE MEANTIME

So, for this year's harvest (2018) farmers will have to wait for the governor to declare a harvest season emergency before the HSE permit would be available. That is likely to happen, but as of this writing it hasn't yet. The IAA Board has formally requested the governor to make that declaration quickly.

## Directors re-elected

The following directors were re-elected to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board for a two-year term at the Aug. 20th County Annual Meeting.

**District 1:** Phil Fuhr, Bill Onken

**District 2:** Bradley Erickson, Marty McManus

**District 3:** Drew Hohenboken, Wes DeClercq

The full board is as follows:

**District 1:** Bill Onken, Kevin Oak, David Mueller, Phil Fuhr and Brian Brown.

**District 2:** Denny Van Daele, Marty McManus, Bradley Erickson, Andy DeKeyrel, Fred Nightingale.

**District 3:** Drew Hohenboken, Brent Riewerts, Mike Sadoris, Mitch

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The Rock Island County Farm Bureau board is made up of 15 board members – five farmers representing each of the three districts in Rock Island County. Six board members range in age of 25 to 44, six board members range in age of 45 to 59 and three board members range in age of 61 to 68.

Following the county annual meeting, the board convened its August board meeting. A reorganization of the board followed with the election of officers: President, Marty McManus; Vice President – Brent Riewerts; Secretary – Dennis VanDaele; Treasurer – Fred Nightingale.

# Here's where IFB stands on trade, tariff issues

In the mailing of the election ballot last month the RICFB board of directors included a short survey to gain insight into farmer members' minds and attitudes. 107 surveys were returned out of the 572 that were mailed – which is an 19 percent return rate.

76 of 107 completed surveys ranked the subject of tariffs and trade agreements as very concerning.

47 of 107 completed returned surveys ranked the subject of RFS/ethanol market as very concerning.

Considering the recent headlines regarding tariffs and trade, below is the trade policy as approved by the delegates at the 2017 IAA Annual Meeting. Please take the time and read.

### 72. TRADE

#### We support:

1. Increased agricultural exports to efficiently utilize the productive resources of American agriculture to enhance farm income and improve the farm economy through various trade policies and long-term investments.

2. Trade negotiating authority for the president of the United States in order to achieve:

A. A full round of World Trade Organization trade negotiations, including all industry sectors and giving agriculture a full seat at the table. The overall goal should be to lower both tariff and non-tariff barriers for U.S. exports around the world.

B. Binding agreements to resolve sanitary and phytosanitary issues on the basis of scientific principles.

C. Tariff equalization and increased market access by requiring U.S. trading partners to eliminate tariff barriers within specified timeframes.

D. Changes in international agreements and U.S. law and practices that would facilitate and shorten dispute

resolution procedures and processes.

E. The use of all existing international agreements under the WTO and U.S. countervailing duty laws to prevent the dumping of subsidized agricultural products.

F. Immediate, unrestricted trade and distribution of U.S. approved agricultural biotech products.

G. Harmonization of domestic food safety and quality standards with our international trading partners based on the guidelines set by the WTO.

H. Uniform intellectual property protection standards.

3. Improved market access and reduced trade barriers through support of bilateral, regional, and multilateral free trade agreements.

4. International Monetary Fund efforts, provided their actions are based upon sound fiscal and economic policies and further facilitate world trade.

5. Educating our members, legislators and others on the importance of global currency relationships to agricultural trade and foreign competition.

6. Increased funding for, promotion of U.S. agricultural products through United States Department of Agriculture programs like Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development.

7. The requirement of congressional approval of any embargoes of agricultural products proposed by the president.

8. Developing a program that compensates farmers through market loss payments:

A. For competitive disadvantages to U.S. farmers resulting from burdensome domestic regulations or standards that are more strict than those in other countries.

B. If currency values harm U.S. farm trade and if it can be achieved within

WTO guidelines.

9. Resumption of normal trading relations and "most favored nation status" with Cuba.

10. Inspections of imports to the U.S. to protect our domestic production capacity and supply of agricultural products from infestations.

11. Improving informational, organizational, and marketing linkages between and among North and South American farmers.

12. A U.S. Foreign Aid Program that:

A. Provides leadership in enhancing global food security and economic development.

B. Increases federal commitment to food and agricultural assistance programs.

C. Provides foreign aid in the form of agricultural products and value added agricultural products rather than cash, whenever feasible.

D. Encourage recipient nations to use or purchase U.S. agricultural goods and services.

E. Gives emergency food relief needs the highest priority in foreign aid programs.

F. Does not stimulate production or distribution of farm commodities for export that are in competition with the U.S.

G. Included P.L. 480 as an important part of a broader strategy for expanding U.S. food aid.

#### We oppose:

1. Any U.S. policies that restrict agricultural exports.

2. The subsidization of any direct foreign competition.

3. Use of the Precautionary Principle.

4. Monetary policies that harm U.S. trade.

5. Shipping restrictions that adversely affect agricultural products.

## Boruff honored with Torch of Leadership award from IALF

Four distinguished agricultural professionals have been selected to receive the Torch of Leadership award from the Alumni Association of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation.

The recipients, all Illinois Farm Bureau members, include Chet Boruff of Moline, Stu Ellis of Decatur, Randy Prince of Blue Mound and Ron Warfield of Gibson City.

Boruff serves as the CEO of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies, with affiliate offices in 45 states and seven countries.

He still actively farms in the Quad City area, where he lives with his wife, Joy.

He is an alumnus of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program (IALP) Class of 1984 and currently serves on the IALF Board of Directors.

Ellis serves as a farm broadcaster for WCIA and WCIX in Champaign, and is a contributor to other media, including the Decatur Herald. He was a member of the IALP Class of 1988. Ellis, along with Prince, was a driving force to make Decatur one of two permanent sites for the Farm Progress Show.

Prince serves as a membership consultant with the Illinois Manufacturers



Chet Boruff

Association. He is an alumnus of the IALP Class of 2004. He served as Farm Bureau manager for Mason and Menard counties, earning recognition from the

IFB and receiving awards for advocacy and membership. He was also president of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce and was chief operating officer of 300 Below Cryogenics.

As past president of Illinois Farm Bureau, Warfield also served on the American Farm Bureau Board and Executive Committee.

He taught ag policy and leadership at the University of Illinois. Warfield and his wife, Melanie, continue to travel the world as ambassadors of agriculture as well as focusing on other issues in developing countries. He is an alumnus of the IALP Class of 1984 and a past member of the IALF Board of Directors.

The Torch of Leadership award is given every two years to recognize members of the Illinois agricultural community who have built a legacy of leadership through exceptional personal commitment and uncommon excellence in service to Illinois agriculture.

Awardees were selected by the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Alumni Association.

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau congratulates Chet on his award!

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

18	RICFB Board Meeting; 7 p.m.
23	QC Marathon – IFB sponsors post-race party
28	Cubs/Cards bus trip to Wrigley Field – BUS FULL