

# 2018 REAP Congress Report

**Report to:** Governor Reynolds  
Iowa Legislature  
Natural Resource Commission





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TO: Governor Kim Reynolds  
W. Charles Smithson, Secretary of the Senate  
Carmine Boal, Chief Clerk of the House  
Margo Underwood, Chair of the Natural Resource Commission

As required by Section 455A.17, Code of Iowa, I present you with the report of the 2018 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress which was conducted on January 9th in the chambers of the House of Representatives.

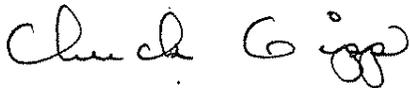
Eighty-three of the ninety delegates to the REAP Congress attended. Those delegates were elected by 555 Iowans in the fall during the 18 regional assemblies conducted throughout the state. More than half of the delegates were attending for the first time, echoing the enthusiasm for REAP seen across the state.

Iowans strongly believe that REAP can be one of the state's most important tools to stimulate economic development, improve health and their quality of life. The 2018 REAP Congress took a number of actions in this regard.

Chief among these actions are to fully fund REAP at \$20 Million, retain the current formula for distribution of the REAP funds, and extend the REAP sunset date to 2036.

REAP is recognized as Iowa's primary local funding program for natural, educational and cultural resources. The large amount of public participation, culminating in actions by the REAP Congress, makes it truly a grassroots led program. The delegates thank you for the support you have given and urge you to continue to support REAP in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Gipp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chuck Gipp, Director  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

**2018 REAP Congress**  
**January 6, 2018**  
**House of Representatives Chambers**

## **Roll Call**

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83 of the 90 delegates to the REAP Congress attended. The delegates were elected by 555 Iowans in the fall of 2015 during 18 regional assemblies conducted throughout the state. A list of the Delegates by County is included at the end of this report.

## **Opening Remarks**

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Tammie Krausman, REAP Coordinator, called the Congress to order at 10:00 a.m. and prepared them for their deliberations. DNR Deputy Director, Bruce Trautman, gave welcoming remarks. Shawna Lode, Director of Iowa Tourism, presented.

## **Election of Congress Chair**

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Bob Lynch of Pocahontas County was elected.

## **2017 REAP Assembly Report**

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During October 2017, 18 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Assemblies were conducted throughout Iowa. The REAP Assemblies are required, per Iowa Code Chapter 455A.17, to be conducted on odd numbered years to provide attendees with information about REAP expenditures, ask attendees to identify opportunities or changes in policy, programs or funding, vote on motions for the five elected delegates per region to vote on at REAP Congress. 555 Iowans participated in the 2017 REAP Assemblies. In addition to electing delegates, the participants made 63 motions that were forwarded to the REAP Congress for consideration on January 6, 2018.

Individual Assembly Reports, including specific information addressed in each of the 18 Assemblies are included at the end of this report.

## **Action Items by REAP Congress**

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1. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress supports fully funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund through the passage of 3/8 of a cent increase of Iowa's statewide sales tax, including keeping the current formula intact.** Kruse, moved. Cox, second. Vote: Yes: 81, No: 0. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion of the unmet needs and formula distribution.
2. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress requests that the Iowa Legislature and Governor Reynolds support fully funding REAP.** Burns, moved. Cline, second. Vote: Aye: 81, No: 0. Motion carried.

3. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress recommends that the REAP formula remain the same.** Maasen, moved. Benton, second. Vote: Yes: 77, No: 4. Motion carried.
  - a. Many concerns broadly voiced for the importance of increased conservation education, but against changing the REAP formula.
  - b. Amendment: Increase the REAP Conservation Education Program (CEP) to \$500,000 and the rest of the formula remain intact. Stephenson, moved. Tapken, second. Yes: 21, No: 58. Motion failed.
4. Motion: **2018 REAP Congress support developing a new natural resources licenses plate for funding the REAP program to recognize the importance of pollinators in agriculture.** Whitmore moved. Carter, second. Vote: Yes: 38, No: 42. Motion failed.
5. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress recommends that the REAP Program sunset date be extended to 2036.** Burns moved. Hoffman, second. Vote: Yes: 69, No: 11. Motion carried.
  - a. A previous motion removed the sunset date, but later moved to add a date.
6. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress sends their gratitude and appreciation to past governors and legislatures that have supported REAP.** Golightly, moved. Makoben, second. Vote: Yes: 77, No: 1. Motion carried.
7. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress support reallocating natural resources license plate portion that goes to REAP to supplement conservation education identified in Section 455A.19 and 455A.21 of the Iowa Code.** White, moved. Hageman, second. Vote: Aye: 27, No: 51. Motion failed.
  - a. Many concerns broadly voiced for the importance of increased conservation education, but against pulling from existing sources.
8. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress supports the Nutrient Reduction Strategy.** Schafbach, moved. Horsley, second. Vote: Yes: 52, No: 26. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, its implementation and potential funding mechanisms.
9. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress needs to continue to find ways to empower local REAP groups around the state.** Pope, moved. Makoben, 2nd. Vote: Yes: 68, No: 12. Motion carried.
  - a. Discussion of REAP County Committees, duties and how to work with the County Supervisors and Auditors.
10. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress declares a moratorium on building new concentrated animal feeding operations(CAFOs) until Iowa's impaired water ways are reduced from 750 to 100 impaired water ways.** Clayton: moved. Brakett: seconded. Vote: Yes: 8, No: 67. Motion failed.
  - a. Discussion regarding animal feeding operations in the state, impaired waterways and manure application.

11. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress encourages a review of the master matrix to ensure that it aligns with Iowa’s water quality goals.** Stephenson: moved. M. Horsley: seconded. Vote: Yes: 78, No: 3. Motion carried.
12. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress recommends at the time the legislature amends the Iowa Code to change the sunset date, they also tie the CEP portion to adjust to inflation as of 1990 to the current date.** Davis: moved. Stephenson: seconded. Vote: Yes: 14, No: 65. Motion failed.
13. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress encourages federal partners to increase conservation funding in the national Farm Bill.** M. Horsley: moved. Jensen: seconded. Vote: Yes: 76, No: 2. Motion carried.
14. Motion: **The 2018 REAP Congress supports increasing hunting and fishing fees. Hunters, anglers and trappers have paid their way and always will.** Kruse: moved. Long: seconded. Vote: Yes: 70, No: 7. Motion carried.

**Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.**

## **Attachment 2: List of Congress Delegates and County**

<b>Delegate</b>	<b>County</b>
Kenneth Abrams	Worth
Cory Arp	Carroll
Lana Artz-McComb	Louisa
Cathy Ayers	Warren
David Richard Bakke	Muscatine
Jerald Beck	Webster
Danielle Bennett	Ida
Bob Benton	Fremont
Mark Bohner	Plymouth
Meredith Borchardt	Butler
Michael T. Boyle	Cedar
Jessica Brackett	Muscatine
Lance Brisbois	Pottawattamie
Chad Brown	Cherokee
Ann M. Burns	Jackson
Sarah Carter	Black Hawk
Rebecca Castle	Page
Clay Claussen	Johnson
John Clayton	Poweshiek
Dale Cline	Union

<b>Delegate</b>	<b>County</b>
Michael Cox	Story
Rose Danaher	Iowa
Richard Daugherty	Van Buren
Robert T. Davis	Guthrie
Megan Dohrman	Hardin
Kelsey Fleming	Dallas
Blake Gamm	Fayette
Doug Gaumer	Warren
Anna Golightly	Madison
Kent Grabill	Audubon
Steve Gustafson	Scott
Gary Hammitt	Webster
Karen Hansen	Webster
Bradley D. Hatcher	Jones
Mark Hayes	Marshall
Fred Heinz	Cerro Gordo
Jill Heisterkamp	Calhoun
Terry Hoffman	Pottawattamie
Joel Horsley	Palo Alto
James Janett	Allamakee

<b>Delegate</b>	<b>County</b>
Jeff Jensen	Kossuth
Greg Johnson	Buena Vista
Karen Kelleher	Polk
John Klein	Pottawattamie
Jon Kruse	Buena Vista
Doug Kuhlmann	Monona
Gerald Laughlin	Fremont
Fred Long	Greene
Robert Lynch	Humboldt
Michael Maas	Buchanan
Kevin Maassen	Clay
Larry Makoben	Scott
Jeremiah Manken	Marshall
Crystal Meier	Cerro Gordo
Mary Ellen Miller	Wayne
James Nelson	Monroe
Adam Ohsann	Clinton
Gary M. Olsen	Audubon
Jarrod Olson	Allamakee
Alan Ourth	Des Moines
Aric Ping	Clay

<b>Delegate</b>	<b>County</b>
Richard Pope	Woodbury
Matthew P. Ridge	Page
Robert Ritscher	Benton
Ryan Roth	Linn
Nicholas Salick	Pottawattamie
Al Schafbuch	Tama
Lee Schoenewe	Clay
Sam Shepherd	Washington
Paul Skrade	Winneshiek
Kenneth Slocum	Clayton
Clayton Steele	Lee
Robert Steingreaber	Van Buren
Andrew Stephenson	Black Hawk
John Tapken	Union
Perry Thostenson	Mahaska
Charles Ungs	Delaware
Philip Visser	Appanoose
Mark Wagner	Dubuque
Andy Wuebker	Monroe
Catherine Ziglar	Des Moines
Daniel Whitmore	Davis