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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceShort Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)
All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000
at the end of the year may use this form

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2010

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A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01/10, and ending 09/30/11

B Check if applicable

X Address change

Name change

Initial return

Terminated

Amended return

Application pending

C Name of organization

ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON BEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

14171 CAROLE DRIVE

D Employer identification number

37-1377677

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

BLOOMINGTON

IL 61705

E Telephone number

309-827-2774

F Group Exemption

Number

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) (5) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527H Check ► if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000 A

Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 164,000

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I.

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	150,000
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	14,000
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events	6a	
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6b	of contributions
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6c	
Net Assets	c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6d	
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	7a	
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7b	
	b Less cost of goods sold	7c	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	8	
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	9	164,000
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	10	15,000
	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	11	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	12	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	13	1,000
2010	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	14	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	15	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	16	14,854
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	17	30,854
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	18	133,146
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	19	202,270
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	20	
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	21	335,416
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		(G)

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II.

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	202,270	22 335,416
23 Land and buildings	0	23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24
25 Total assets	202,270	25 335,416
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	202,270	27 335,416

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)

Check if the organization used Schedule Q to respond to any question in this Part III.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE SCHEDULE C

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

28 IDENTIFY AND/OR DEVELOP EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND ECONOMICAL BEST
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) FOR PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURE

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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29a } If this amount includes foreign grants, check here □

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 201

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule Q)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

1

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Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

Part IV: Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not currently serving. Check if the organization used Schedule Q to respond to any question in this Part IV.

(a) Name and address		(a) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
GARY HUDSON	BLOOMINGTON	PRESIDENT			
P.O. BOX 1623	IL 61702	0.00	0	0	0
NANCY ERICKSON	BLOOMINGTON	SECRETARY			
1701 NORTH TOWANDA AVENUE	IL 61701	0.00	0	0	0
JEAN PAYNE	BLOOMINGTON	TREASURER			
14171 CAROLE DRIVE	IL 61705	0.00	0	0	0
BOB COLWELL	BLOOMINGTON	DIRECTOR			
1605 COMMERCE PARKWAY	IL 61704	0.00	0	0	0
JIM KAITSCHK	SPRINGFIELD	DIRECTOR			
6411 SOUTH SIXTH STREET	IL 61712	0.00	0	0	0
DAVE FLAKNE	MADISON	DIRECTOR			
22 BISHOPS HILL	IL 62717	0.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attached a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)

35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.

a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?

b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year (see instructions)?

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► **37a**

b Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____

b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year, that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization

e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► **NONE**

42a The organization's books are in care of ► **JEAN PAYNE**

Telephone no ► **309-827-2774****14171 CAROLE DRIVE**Located at ► **BLOOMINGTON****IL**

ZIP + 4

► **61705**

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts**.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. ► _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► **43**

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?

d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

	Yes	No
33	X	
34	X	
35a	X	
35b		
36	X	
37a		
37b	X	
38a	X	
38b		
39a		
39b		
40b		
40e		X

	Yes	No
42b	X	
42c		X

	Yes	No
44a	X	
44b	X	
44c	X	
44d		

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
 a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
45		X
45a		X
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section

501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
 b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000
 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000
 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date
	<i>Jean Payne</i>		
Type or print name and title		<i>Jean Payne, Treasurer</i>	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	THOMAS M. HUSEK, CPA	<i>Thomas M. Husek CPA</i>	05/10/12		P00040282
	Firm's name ►	ILLINOIS AG AUDITING ASSOC	Firm's EIN ►	36-1252710	
Firm's address ►	318 SUSAN DR NORMAL, IL 61761	Phone no	309-862-3870		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

 Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
 Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

**ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON BEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES**Employer identification number
37-1377677
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS/SIMILAR AMTS PAID TO ORGANIZATIONS

NAME AND ADDRESS	CLASS OF ACTIVITY	DATE OF GIFT
	DESC. OF PROPERTY	
	CASH CONTRIB. NONCASH CONTRIB.	
	BOOK VALUE	BV EXPL.
		FMV EXPL.
TREES FOREVER	SPONSORSHIP	
770 SEVENTH AVENUE		
MARION, IA 52302	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
	\$ 0	

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	
	\$ 354
	\$ 103
	\$ 2,252
DONATIONS	\$ 200
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 11,945
	TOTAL \$ 14,854

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

**ASSIST AND ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS) TO
 PROTECT AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN ILLINOIS. THE GOALS INCLUDE:
 IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE, ENVIRONMENTALLY-SOUND AND ECONOMICAL BMPS
 FOR PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE; INCREASE THE ADOPTION OF BMPS THROUGH**

Name of the organization

ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON BEST MANAGEMENT

Employer identification number

37-1377677

**EDUCATION, INFORMATION TRANSFER, RESEARCH/DEMONSTRATION AND
INCENTIVE/RECOGNITION PROGRAMS; AND ASSIST AND/OR FACILITATE THE TECHNICAL
AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEED TO CARRY OUT THIS MISSION.**

Form 8868
(Rev. January 2011)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

COPY

► File a separate application for each return.

►

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension-check this box and complete

Part I only

►

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Name of exempt organization ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	Employer identification number 37-1377677
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions 14171 CAROLE DRIVE	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions. BLOOMINGTON IL 61705	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

**JEAN PAYNE
14171 CAROLE DRIVE**

IL 61705

- The books are in the care of ► **BLOOMINGTON**
Telephone No. ► **309-827-2774** FAX No. ► **309-827-2779**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

►

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **05/15/12**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for
 - calendar year or
 - tax year beginning **10/01/10**, and ending **09/30/11**

- 2 If this tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason.
 - Initial return
 - Final return
 - Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	3c	\$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.