



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF
soil and water conservation
DISTRICTS

IASWCD Board Meeting
March 17, 2017
J S Wright Forestry Center
Minutes submitted by Kerry Ames, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by President Jamie Scott.

Attendees: Board- Jamie Scott, Roger Wenning, Kerry Ames, Jeff Meinders, Kim Peterson, Mark Roberts, Tom Crowe, Bobby Hettmansperger, Troy Hattery, Josh Bishop, Jame Krieger, Ray Chattin, Brad Dawson

Staff: Jennifer Boyle Warner, Amy Work

Partners: Rob Lawson (NRCS), Geneva Tyler (ISDA), Susan Hovermale (FSA), Walt Sell (Purdue)

- **It was moved** by Brad Dawson to approve consent agenda, seconded, **Passed**
- Treasurer's Report presented by Jennifer. There was no objection to filing the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. State dues notices will be going out soon.
- Rob Lawson reported for NRCS. Information handout supplied.
- Geneva Tyler reported for ISDA. Information handout supplied.
- Walt Sell reported for Purdue Extension. Information handouts supplied.
- Susan Hovermale reported for FSA. Information handout supplied.
- Brian Beheler, J S Wright Property Manager, gave a presentation on Purdue forestry properties, facilities and programs.
- Ray Chattin gave an update from the SSCB.
- Amy presented a wrap up report on the 2017 Annual Conference including a compilation of attendee evaluations and comments. Jennifer passed out an annual conference revenue and cost comparison spreadsheet. Net Revenue for the 2017 Conference = \$18,908.39.
- The upcoming special Farm Bill discussion with Senator Donnelly was discussed. To be held April 11th at Ray McCormick's farm. To be limited to invited participants only. Invitations to board members to be emailed first of next week.
- IASWCD Strategic Action discussion and selection process was led by Jennifer. Highest ranked Opportunities/ Challenges for 2017-18 are: TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN...
 1. looking for long-term funding for Districts from new sources
 2. staffing parameters for Districts
 3. molding future leadership development at state and local levels
- Ray Chattin and Marc Roberts are to be the co-chairs for the group to study Opportunity #1; Jame Krieger and Kerry Ames are to co-chair an Action Group on Opportunity #2.
- The Natural Resource Policy committee has met and reorganized. They have an ambitious agenda put together. They are to meet again on May 26th.
- The proposed MOU with Purdue was presented for approval. **Moved by** Josh Bishop to approve said MOU, seconded, **Passed**. (Ray Chattin abstained due to his position on the SSCB)
- **It was moved** by Jeff Meinders to accept the IASWCD Travel Policy as presented, seconded, **Passed**.
- A legislative update was given. District visits have gone well. Tom attended the February 13th

- Senate hearing on Senate Bill #420 and reported on that.
- A task force to review the current bylaws and personnel policies was formed. Jeff Meinders and Roger Wenning are to join Ray Chattin for that review.
 - **It was moved** by Marc Roberts to appoint Steve Gauck as the North Southeast Assistant Region Director, seconded, **Passed**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Ames, IASWCD Secretary
