



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF
soil and water conservation
DISTRICTS

IASWCD Board Meeting

June 17, 2016

Minutes – submitted by Jennifer Boyle Warner, Executive Director

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by President Mike Starkey

Attendees:

Mike Starkey, Jamie Scott, Paula Baldwin, Kim Peterson, Tom Crowe, Bobby Hettmansperger, Brad Dawson, Mark Lawson, Kerry Ames, Jeff Baker; Staff - Jennifer Boyle Warner and Amy Work in attendance.

Partners in attendance: Mike Schutz, Purdue; Ray Chattin, SSCB; Jane Hardisty, NRCS; Jordan Seger, ISDA.

- **Motion** to approve consent agenda and minutes by Brad Dawson, seconded by Jeff Baker. Passed.
- Paula Baldwin presented the treasurers report. **Motion** to accept report by Mark Lawson and seconded by Bobby Hettmansperger. Passed.
- Partner reports: Mike Schutz- Purdue, Ray Chattin, State Soil Conservation Board, Jane Hardisty- NRCS, Jordan Seger, ISDA.
- Heather Bacher provided a presentation on the Women 4 the Land. This group now has a statewide committee to help support the women's learning circles. Curriculum is focused on conservation and many of our ICP partners have either hosted these circles or have been trained as trainers. Districts are heavily involved in this effort. Great opportunity to reach a growing number (50% women are landowners in IN) of women who now make decisions on the farm. Heather presented their draft business plan. The group has applied for a SARE grant which will help fund a coordinator and other activities; however, until that grant (hopefully) is given, funds are needed to help keep a part-time coordinator to oversee the development of this state-wide initiative. The group is seeking about \$10,000 for this interim time period from various sources. Board members discussed that this project supports the IASWCD mission and the activities of the 92 Districts. **Motion** by Jeff Baker to provide \$5,000 now to this endeavor with a report back in September and a second request can be made at that time. Mark Lawson seconded. Passed. The funds will go to the Hoosier Heartland RC&D, the organization handling all the financials for this project.
- **Motion** by Jeff Baker to authorize Executive Director (provides the ok and account code) and Bookkeeper (handles the actual transaction) to do direct wire transfers of funds that have been previously authorized by Board of Directors (i.e. grants and contribution agreements only). Proper documentation will be kept. Mark Lawson seconded. Passed. This will allow quicker payments to the 92 Districts that enter into agreements with IASWCD. A financial report of wire transfers will be included with other financial reports to the finance committee before each Board meeting.
- Amy Work updated the Board on sponsorships – over \$20,000 collected to date. Materials were provided to all Board members. Amy will follow up with additional information. Please contact Amy for any assistance in regards to sponsorships.

- Board reviewed conference registration rates for 2017 and no changes will be made. Rates will be same as 2016.
- Board reviewed resolutions still needing action.
- Discussion on fall region meetings. Agreed to hold 5 as was discussed with the DSS'. Jennifer to work with each region to determine best time in the fall to try and hold it. Agenda items to include update and introduction of CCSI team; discussion on contribution agreements; review of proposed resolutions; possible invasive species presentation. Each region can decide what highlight or draw for a presentation will work best.
- Jennifer reviewed CCSI staffing updates – Lisa Holscher has been hired as CCSI Director; other position openings will be posted soon.
- Jennifer briefly brought up the Clear Choices Clean Water campaign and possible support by IASWCD so that all 92 Districts could have access to materials and other resources. Tabled for discussion at next meeting.
- A request for a letter from IASWCD to our state senators and representatives supporting the IDNR Forestry Divisions mission and the current forest management practices and policies they follow on the State Forests. Discussion held. **Motion** by Bobby Hettmansperger for IASWCD to send a letter. Kerry Ames seconded. Passed. Tom Crowe will draft letter and send to Jennifer for review by Executive Committee. Letter is due June 30.

Adjourn at 4:00 PM