

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Marriott Ballroom 1-4
Indianapolis Marriott Hotel Downtown
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

MINUTES

1. Welcome and IntroductionsJamie Scott
President Jamie Scott called the 74th meeting of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. (IASWCD) to order at 9:06 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Marriott Hotel Downtown in Indianapolis, welcoming delegates, officers and guests. The people seated at the head table were introduced: **Jamie Scott, Interim President; Roger Wenning, Secretary, Paula Baldwin, Treasurer; Ed Frazier, Parliamentarian.**

2. Seating of Delegates / Roll Call.....Roger Wenning
Seating of the Delegates
Secretary Roger Wenning asked for the tally of voting delegates that had signed in with a majority of delegates present. It was declared that a quorum of more than 1/3 of eligible voters was present with 63 delegates present and eligible to vote. Additional delegates were allowed to be seated as they entered after the final count had been read.

3. Minutes of 2016 Annual Business MeetingJamie Scott
Jamie Scott reminded delegates that the 2016 minutes were provided for them in the Delegate Notebook and he asked for any corrections. No corrections given.

4. Treasurer’s ReportPaula Baldwin
Paula directed attention to pages 31 and 32 from the provided 2017 Delegate Notebook stating that IASWCD Financial Statements from FY2016 and Budget for FY2017 were provided for delegates.
Jamie Scott stated the Treasurer’s report will be filed.

5. Audit Committee ReportPaula Baldwin
Paula reported that she, Troy Hattery and Jeff Baker had reviewed and audited the IASWCD financials on December 7, 2016 for fiscal year October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and found no misrepresentation of IASWCD financial records.
Audit Committee Report was unanimously accepted.

6. Budget Committee Report.....Paula Baldwin

Paula reviewed the 2017 budget and proposed the adoption of the budget as printed in the Delegate Notebook explaining that a fully expanded report is available from the Executive Director upon request. Jamie made the motion to approve the adoption of the proposed 2017 budget as printed. **It was passed unanimously to adopt the proposed 2017 budget.**

7. Resolutions.....Roger Wenning

Jamie Scott announced the report of resolutions and reminded the delegates that each person may speak twice to each motion for no more than three minutes each time; and, they may not speak a second time until everyone has had a chance to speak the first time.

1. Kosciusko resolution read by Roger Wenning.

The first resolution was from Kosciusko County SWCD entitled “Benefits of working with Indiana colleges and universities.”

Roger further stated: Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. “work legislatively to remove the limiting language from Title 14, Article 32, Chapter 5, Number (6) from Indiana Code for Conservation Districts.”

Interim President, Jamie Scott, asked for discussion on this resolution.

Jon Roberts, delegate from Kosciusko County, stood to clarify the resolution and why it was proposed. Mr. Roberts explained that more colleges are now offering agriculture programs and research. Districts are now working with these colleges; however, Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grant applications from these districts are not being considered because of what is stated in the by-laws. He further mentioned proposing an amended resolution with an MOU from Purdue.

Seconded by Wabash County.

Warren Waymire from Morgan County asked for explanation on the amendment.

Mr. Roberts explained that the “reason for amendment to resolution” is that Purdue desires to resolve the issue without changing code.

The majority of delegates were in favor.

Two SWCDs opposed.

Warren Waymire from Morgan County inquired as to who decides whether the MOU is acceptable.

Jamie stated that Purdue, SSCB, IASWCD, ISDA will try to address this issue.

Jim Droege from Posey County asked if the resolution is passed with the amendment, will IASWCD still have to open district law?

Jamie Scott answered no, that with the resolution, the association would have the ability to not have to open the law.

Jamie relinquished leading the meeting as President to Paula Baldwin, Treasurer, so that he could speak to the amended resolution from the floor.

From the floor, Jamie Scott explained that counties are having trouble getting CWI funding as the law states at this time regarding working, "except in cooperation with Purdue." He further explained that the resolution was proposed and now amended to give the association some leeway.

Jackson County moved to postpone this resolution.
Seconded by Jasper County.

Jamie stated the urgency of getting this passed for future funding for districts.

Stan Moore, from Kosciusko County, explained that if this motion is tabled this will put the brakes on this process instead of advancing this process as needed.

A vote was taken regarding postponing the motion and four voted to postpone motion. All others voted to not postpone the motion.

A vote was taken to pass resolution as amended. Two opposed passing the resolution as amended and all others voted to pass the resolution as amended.

Resolution as amended was passed.

Jamie Scott asked for additional resolutions from the floor. There were none.

8. Nominating Committee ReportJeff Meinders

Nominees were listed:

President: Jamie Scott, Kosciusko County

Vice President: Bobby Hettmansperger, Wabash County and Roger Wenning,
Decatur County

Secretary: Kerry Ames, Putnam County

Treasurer: Jeff Baker, Warrick County

No nominations were brought from the floor.

Jamie Scott reiterated the nominees and asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made.

Jamie Scott made the motion to accept the ballot and close the nominations; Pike County seconded. Each of the candidates (listed above) addressed the delegates. Nominations were closed.

Mark Lawson and Tom Crowe were appointed election tellers.

9. Election of OfficersJeff Meinders

Ballots were collected and counted.

10. Executive Director's Report.....Jennifer Boyle Warner

Jennifer Boyle Warner, Executive Director of IASWCD, thanked everyone for being at the conference and encouraged everyone to keep attending future conferences.

Jennifer thanked the IASWCD board for their service. She thanked Paula for her years of service and for being the first female IASWCD president in the past. Jennifer explained that there would be four new assistant directors this year. She highlighted items from the Annual Report including: working on best ways to communicate with districts; District Showcase, Pathway to Water Quality, Legislative training day 2016 and 2017; resolved resolutions (i.e. \$10K matching funds, state board of accounts); finishing two CRP agreements with NRCS; supervisor scholarships for conference; training for districts; and, CCSI now being fully staffed. Jennifer further explained that she, Jane Hardisty, and Jordan Seger are still working on visiting all 92 districts; 30 visits have been completed at this time. She explained that through these visits, they have observed that the districts with the highest success actually have staff that have high expectations of themselves, supervisors and partners just as the keynote speaker, Reverend Larry Rascoe had shared in the opening general session at the conference. She reminded Supervisors that they are important and she encouraged the Supervisors to step up, have high expectations, understand their role and know they are important people in their counties.

11. New Business

Election Report.....Jeff Meinders

Jeff announced the 2017 IASWCD officers: Jamie Scott, President; Roger Wenning, Vice President; Kerry Ames, Secretary; and Jeff Baker, Treasurer.

Jamie Scott, new IASWCD Board President, reaffirmed new officers and their positions.

12. Other business:

Gene Schmidt, NACD encouraged everyone to please thank the sponsors for their contribution to the annual conference and supporting conservation.

Parke, Vermillion, and Fountain counties came forward to present CCSI with checks in regards to a resolution that was passed a few years ago. They hope other districts will step up and support CCSI.

13. Oath of OfficeRay Chattin

Ray Chattin, member of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board performed the oath of office with the elected officers. They were asked if they agreed to fulfill the duties of their respective offices as stated in the IASWCD bylaws to the best of their ability. They agreed. Mr. Chattin declared them duly installed as the 2017 Executive Officers of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

14. Adjournment

Jamie Scott asked for further business needs from the floor. There were none.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.