



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF
soil and water conservation
DISTRICTS

IASWCD Board Meeting
February 10, 2017
Minutes submitted by Kerry Ames, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by President Jamie Scott.

Attendees: Board- Jamie Scott, Roger Wenning, Kerry Ames, Jeff Baker, Jeff Meinders, Kim Peterson, Sacha Gee-Burns, Mark Lawson, Mark Roberts, Tom Crowe, Sarah Delbecq, Bobby Hettmansperger, Josh Bishop, Ray Chattin, Paula McGuire, Brad Dawson, and Brad Ponsler
Staff: Jennifer Boyle Warner, Amy Work
Partners: Jill Reinhart (NRCS), Robert Woodling (SSCB), Jordan Seger (ISDA)

- **It was moved** by Brad Dawson to approve consent agenda, seconded, **Passed**.
- Treasurer's Report given by Jeff Baker. There was no objection to filing the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.
- Kim Peterson will replace Paula Baldwin on the Finance Committee, joining Jeff Baker and Troy Hattery.
- Jill Reinhart reported for NRCS. Information handout supplied.
- Jordan Seger reported for ISDA. Information handout supplied.
- Robert Woodling reported for SSCB. The SSCB's continued watershed focus, new Grant writing grants and capacity building were emphasized.
- Jennifer led a discussion on the Board Member Handbook. Useful for new board members and good information source for all board members.
- The Handbook is due for review and updating. Ray Chattin volunteered to help with that process.
- Comments and thoughts were solicited on the 2017 Annual Conference. Overall impressions/ comments were very positive. Legislator attendance at our breakfast was a concern. Most concerning was the number of districts not represented at the business meeting. Several ideas were offered to encourage better representation there. To be revisited at a later date.
- Discussion and planning for 2017 IASWCD and district effectiveness followed lunch.
- Jamie, Roger, Amy and Mark R. gave a report from the NACD Annual meeting held recently in Denver: Good conference, Indiana well represented and is still highest dues paying state.
- NACD DC Fly-in will be Mar 20, 21. Our delegation will consist of 4 representatives to be joined by State Conservationist Jane Hardisty.
- **It was moved** by Jeff Meinders to send Jamie Scott, Mark Roberts, Gene Schmidt and Ray McCormick to represent IASWCD at 2017 NACD Fly-in, seconded, **Passed**.
- **It was moved** by Jeff Baker that IASWCD adopt the position that our organization opposes Indiana Senate Bill #420, and that Tom Crowe testify before the Senate Natural Resources committee on Monday, Feb. 13th to convey that opposition and our reason for the position we have taken, seconded, **Passed**. Tom agreed to appear at that committee meeting if his schedule could be arranged on very short notice.

- Draft copies of the MOU between Purdue University College of Agriculture and IASWCD for the purpose of clarifying ' "agricultural research or agricultural teaching" and to define "cooperation" between Purdue University's College of Agriculture and Indiana's Soil And Water Conservation Districts' as stated in IC 14-32-5-5 were distributed for discussion. This draft is subject to legal counsel's review, so this MOU will be brought back later for further action of the board.
- After updates on Indiana General Assembly legislation and district legislative visit updates, suggestions for alternative sites for our March board meeting were taken. Notification will come once the meeting site is finalized. Meeting date is March 17th.
- IASWCD Travel Policy copies were distributed for review and discussion. Most comments were on whether Asst. Region Directors will be reimbursed for mileage as well as Region Directors if both attend the same function, but travel separately.
- **It was moved** by Jeff Meinders that Asst. Region Directors be eligible to claim reimbursed travel expenses just as Region Directors currently are, seconded, **Passed**.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Ames, IASWCD Secretary
