

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Marriott Ballrooms 1-4
Indianapolis Marriott Hotel Downtown
Tuesday, January 15, 2019

MINUTES

1. Welcome and IntroductionsJamie Scott
President Jamie Scott called the 76th meeting of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. (IASWCD) to order at 9:08 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, Indiana, welcoming the delegates, officers and guests. The officers seated at the head table on stage were introduced: Jamie Scott, President; Roger Wenning, Vice President; Jeff Baker, Treasurer; Kerry Ames, Secretary; and, Ed Frazier, Parliamentarian.

2. Seating of Delegates / Roll Call.....Kerry Ames
Kerry stated 67 delegates were present and eligible to vote.
Jamie referred to the printed “IASWCD Annual Business Meeting Rules” page at the beginning of the Delegate Notebook (that each district received a copy of at the conference, per attendance). A 2/3 vote was needed to adopt these rules for the meeting. A majority of districts voted to adopt the rules. 67 voted yes.

3. Minutes of 2018 Annual Business MeetingJamie Scott
The 2018 Annual Business Meeting minutes **were approved.**

4. Treasurer’s ReportJeff Baker
Treasurer Jeff Baker referred to the IASWCD Financial Statements provided in the 2019 Delegate Notebook on pages 31 and 32. He stated that the fiscal year ended on September 30, 2018 and that expenses were in line with prior year and budget. President Jamie Scott stated the **Treasurer’s report would be filed.**

5. Audit Committee ReportJeff Baker
Jeff Baker reported that he and Troy Hattery had met on December 20, 2018 to review and audit the IASWCD financial statements for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and found no misrepresentation of IASWCD financial records. **Audit Committee Report was unanimously accepted.**

6. Budget Committee Report.....Jeff Baker

Treasurer Jeff Baker asked for any discussion on the 2019 budget (FY 10/1/18-9/30/19) as printed in the 2019 Delegate Notebook (page 32). He stated that expenses are somewhat reflective of prior year. He noted that a full report is available from the IASWCD Executive Director upon request. There was no discussion. Jamie Scott made a motion to approve the adoption of the proposed 2019 budget as printed.

The vote to adopt the proposed 2019 budget was unanimous.

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat the Vanderburgh and Tippecanoe County delegates. After no objections from the floor, the delegates were seated.

7. Resolutions.....Roger Wenning

President Jamie Scott reminded the assembly that each person may speak twice to each motion and for a maximum of three minutes each time. Speaking a second time may happen after everyone has had a chance to speak the first time. Vice President Roger Wenning read the five resolutions.

1. Title: IASWCD Dues Increase Study Committee (Delegate Notebook, p. 25)

- Submitted by Knox County SWCD
- Speaker: Ray Chattin, Knox County spoke on behalf of the resolution stating the need to invest in a position that can be there as a workhorse for the legislative committee. He stated the need to do this in a long term, sustainable fashion that provides continuity. The job description that defined the role was included in the Delegate Notebook pages 26-27.
- John Doms, Delegate from St. Joseph County SWCD inquired as to how much more a year this would require of districts, stating \$700-800? He spoke against this resolution stating some districts are already struggling financially.
- Ray Chattin, Knox county wanted to address John’s (see above) concerns and stated that Indiana is way behind and needs to understand their obligation to natural resources.
- Approximately 23 were for this resolution with the remaining opposed.
- **This resolution was not adopted.**

2. Title: IASWCD Business Meeting Minutes Approval (Delegate Notebook p. 29)

- Submitted by: IASWCD Executive Committee
- No discussion occurred on this resolution.
- This is an amendment to the bylaws.
- Majority adopted with two opposed.
- **This amendment passed.**

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat the Decatur County delegate. After no objections from the floor, the delegate was seated.

3. Title: IASWCD Director Eligibility Requirement (*Delegate Notebook p. 28*)

- Submitted by: Knox County SWCD
- Ray Chattin, Knox county SWCD speaking in favor of the resolution stated that they have a young man, employed by TNC and fully qualified, and had been an associate supervisor; but, cannot be on the IASWCD board due to not being a Supervisor.
- No additional discussion occurred.
- Adoption requires two thirds vote:
 - 31 opposed
 - Less than 2/3 voted for this resolution
- **This resolution was not adopted.**

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat the Carroll County delegate. After no objections from the floor, the delegate was seated.

4. Title: IASWCD to Help SWCDs Receive More Uniform Support by Respective County in State (*Delegate Notebook, p. 30*)

- Submitted by: Newton County SWCD
- Speaker: Hank Coussens, Delegate, Newton County, in support of this resolution, stated that there is a handbook put out by the Association of County Governments. He stated that according to this handbook, that employees with SWCDs are actually not counted as county employees. He states that this resolution would help staff to be counted as county employees.
- No other discussion occurred.
- Vote included: 22 for adopting resolution and 35 opposed.
- Majority of votes were opposed.
- **This resolution was not adopted.**

5. Title: IASWCD Region Name Update (*Delegate Notebook, p. 24*)

- Submitted by : Newton County SWCD

- Speaker: Hank Coussens, Delegate, Newton County SWCD spoke in favor of the resolution. He stated that this resolution was proposed by the Indiana District Employee Association. Further, he stated, that the current way the regions are named is confusing and that they want to clarify how to identify regions better.
- No additional discussion occurred.
- Vote included: 14 in favor and the majority opposed.
- **This resolution was not adopted.**

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

8. Nominating Committee ReportJeff Meinders

A list of nominees was announced by Past President Jeff Meinders. He addressed the assembly stating that this would be his last time to speak to the delegates as his Past President service was ending. He encouraged supervisors to become more involved and step up into leadership positions. He stated that a good slate of officers was being presented, but he would like more people on the ballot via better participation.

Slate of Officers:

- For President: Roger Wenning, Decatur County
- For Vice President: Bobby Hettmansperger, Wabash County
- For Secretary: Jeff Baker, Warrick County
- For Treasurer: Marc Roberts, Montgomery County

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

Jamie Scott made a motion to accept the ballot and close the nominations.

Each candidate briefly addressed the delegates:

- Bobby Hettmansperger spoke about his willingness and the opportunity to serve as VP.
- Jeff Baker thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board.
- Marc Roberts encouraged everyone to get involved.
- Roger Wenning thanked everyone for coming and stated he truly enjoys doing this work on the board. He looks forward to it. He thanked Jeff Meinders for his leadership. Roger also stated that he is going to ask help from everyone and expects help to keep this organization going forward as there is good work to do in the statehouse.

A request was submitted and announced by President Jamie Scott to seat the Owen County delegate. After no objections from the floor, the delegate was seated.

Troy Hattery and Tom Crowe were appointed as election tellers. Delegates were asked to fill out their ballots and the tellers picked them up.

9. Election of OfficersJeff Meinders
Ballots were collected and counted.

10. Executive Director’s Report.....Joe Schmees
Joe Schmees, Executive Director of IASWCD as of May 2018, spoke and touched briefly on his experience at IDEM and how he worked with the districts and other conservation partners. He spoke about his work on two additional boards and his love of the outdoors. He thanked Jennifer Boyle Warner for her organization and help with transitioning to this leadership position; and, he thanked Amy Work for her help with conference. Joe highlighted several of the IASWCD accomplishments from the 2018 annual report and stated he understands the association is representing districts on a state level i.e. the MOU cooperative working agreements for service centers. He also mentioned the request for more funding, specifically the \$15.2 million, in the Statehouse budget this year.

11. New Business Election Report.....Jeff Meinders
New Officers were announced:

- President, Roger Wenning
- Vice President, Bobby Hettmansperger
- Secretary, Jeff Baker
- Treasurer, Marc Roberts

Jamie Scott reaffirmed new officers and their positions.

12. Other business.....Jamie Scott
Jamie Scott asked for any additional business from the assembly.
There was none.

13. Oath of OfficeBob Eddleman, SSCB
Bob Eddleman, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, performed the oath of office with the newly 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. Bob declared them duly installed as the 2019 Executive Officers of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

14. Adjournment.....Jamie Scott

Jamie Scott asked for further business needs from the floor.

There were none.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.