



IASWCD Board Meeting March 8, 2019 Farm Bureau Bldg- Hall C Minutes

Meeting 3/08/19:

President: Roger Wenning

Treasurer: Marc Roberts

Vice President: Bobby Hettmansperger

Secretary: Jeff Baker

Attending: Cathy Becker, Troy Hattery, Kim Peterson, Jamie Scott, Josh Bishop, Jeff Minder, Sarah Delbecq and Stan Moore.

- Troy Hattery made motion*** Motion to accept the current agenda without minutes.
- Mark - Treasurer's report: Check to go out for conference expenses. The Marriott bill was \$106,000.00 (\$14,000.00 less than last year). The director of NCRS had question about a check from us. Still on books, a check query is out. Financial report will be filed subject to addition.

Partner Reports:

State conservationist – Jerry Raynor. Discussed implementations based on 2018 process, making certain 2019 requirements met. They are working on streamlining process, improving customer service. The water shed signup date June 21. There has been \$13 million dollars requested in April reading of the Easement Program. Working on vehicle management, issuing names to partners about responsibilities and use of vehicles. Working agreement deadline is 3/15/19, 40% have been received. NRCS Staffing Allocation is 236 positions

-36 in staff office

-200 in field office

-Looking to add 8 positions – Tech Team to work with DC

-Contemplating another 8 positions, total 16 new positions.

They should be getting full Budget this week. The agreement for Program Support expires in 2019 they are working on changes to agreement and will get it finished. They do not expect a change in office rental agreements; no increase, nothing eliminated. What is missing is a corporate working agreement on sharing resources (vehicles, office, computers, etc.). This does not change how we do business, only documents what is happening.

FSA:

Jason is waiting to see regulations from farm bill. Susan has retired. They are waiting on a new district director.

ISDA:

Jordan Seger

1. Sexual harassment training for DSS, to be completed by April 30th.
2. DSS completing new supervisor training.
3. Clean Water IV Grants for 2020 – similar deadlines as last year. Guidance will be out by the end of the month. Due date for applications is the end of September.
4. The Tillage transect will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The results will determine how 2018 compared to 1,000,000 acres target.
5. The 2018 Partnership reports will be finished by the end of April.
6. NACA (National Association Conservation Associates) companion to NACD. Jordan has been appointed to work with us.
7. Crop-Conservation Reserve Endorsement Program - we will get additional \$1,000,000 from Nature Conservancy.

Legislative:

Hemp in 2018, will be grown under a research project from Purdue; you can sell product. The Federal Government delisted Hemp they are writing regulations, then State will draft regulations. 2020 will be the soonest it will be produced commercially.

Discussion of the State Soil Board, next meeting 3/19/19. The newest member is Amy Burris, Martinsville appointed by governor.

Purdue University:

Walt Self distributed a brochure, E-268, the effectiveness of neonicotinoids. Seed treatments in seeds. He then presented the Purdue Extension 2018 Annual Report. They are working on training how to perform soil tests and sampling. Working on training on drones, they are training staff to obtain pilot licenses. Rick Foster is now the Program leader for Ag Natural Resources.

IDEM:

Angie Brown working on 2020, 319 grants. She is working at finalizing Non-Point Source Plan and monitoring water quality in the Ohio River Basin in 2019.

IDEA:

Martha Miller, VP, is directing the meeting on 3/25/19 to revise bylaws. They will launch a new website, it will include a secure section for members. Discussed having the Fall Conference at Clifty Falls by Madison, IN.

Other Business:

- The staff is completing sexual harassment training with District Supervisors.
- Annual Conference Wrap-up:
 - o Income \$4000 less registration income.
 - o NRCS still owes 20,000.
 - o We have collected 70,000, with 50,000 left to collect (come in).
 - o Discuss attendance of District Supervisors at Annual Conference/meeting.
 - o We have sent out calls for Abstracts for next conference, received 4.
 - o Planning Meeting 04/08/19, contracted to 2020 with CMC (10am-3pm); discussing 2- year contract (2021,2022).
 - o Discussed Sponsorships:
 - o Discuss talking to sponsors earlier in the year.
 - o Will be working on a brochure and calling companies before our June meeting.
 - o Will mail out brochures for members to complete, getting sponsors, will send a list of previous sponsors contacted, also those who have been sponsored.
 - o Less sponsorships \$26,000 in 2019 versus \$32,000 in 2018 – less from exhibition.

Legislative Committee:

Suggest nominating Joe Schmees to hold a seat on Wastewater Utility Regulation Committee; task force that came out of Senate B.114.

3/18/19 AG Days. State House. Nature Conservancy Event for Legislators with SWCD represented.

3/20/19 Joe Schmees, in front of Rural Legislators at Rural Legislator Caucus.

Discussion on Promoting Association and Legislative Agenda.

March Fly IN - Jamie Scott, Mark Roberts, Gene Schmidt and Roger Wenning are going. They are meeting with State Legislators on the AG Committee. Attending the 12th, 13th and 14th.

- o Talking points:
- o CTA Conservation Technical Assistance funding, budget item.
- o Title 2 of Farm Bill – Conservation Title.

Discussed the June planning committee:

Discussed having it at Monroe Morgan – June 18th and 19th, may last until June 21st; wanting to tour back for State Forest, or do, 1-hour Board Meeting for strategic planning on June 18th.

Signed Conflicts of Interest forms for Board Members:

Joe reviewed the various grants and agreements:

- Discussed CCSI – contribution agreement, we do not have a communications employee; discussed using a contract person?
- Discussed Pathways to Water Quality – funded by 319 Grant; paid for coordinator. The grant is complete it covers the Pathway Project for next 5 years
- NRCS -Jerry Raynor, contribution agreement 6,000/year for 5 years; 2,000/year IASWCD
- IDEM contribution 2,000/year for 5 years.
- PNR contribution 1,000/year for 5 years, or 50,000 for 4 years.
- Purdue University contribution 1,000/year for 5 years.
- CWI contribution 1,000/year for 5 years.
- Nature Conservancy partner with US for grants; to reimburse us for Joe's time (i.e. \$2,000 for administration)
- New CTA Agreement \$7,000 per year for IASWCD administering their program.

Items discussed:

Discussed the A133 Audit, Joe is working on getting an auditor by September.

Tax PSS money to the county; they advertise as part of the budget and pay out over the year.

Discussed Indiana Conservation Partnership Day, thought it was a good idea.

Discuss name tags for Board members.

Jeff Minder made a motion to adjourn – passed.

Stan Moore made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting - motion passed.

