



## IASWCD Board Meeting Minutes

### Forestry Training Center

Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Martinsville, IN

June 20, 2019

The IASWCD Board of Directors Meeting was called to order on June 20, 2019 at the Morgan-Monroe State Forestry Training Center in Martinsville, IN 46151 by President, Roger Wenning.

A motion was made by Cathy Becker and Seconded by Jamie Scott to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and filed subject to audit.

Those attending:

Jamie Scott, Past President, Sherry Whitestone, SNW Asst. Director, Cathy Becker, NSE Director, Stan Moore, NNE Director, Troy Hattery, SNE Director, Andy Ambriole, SNE Director, Brad Ponsler, SSE Director, Amy Work, Communications Director, Joe Schmees, Exec Director, Brad Smith, Nature Conservancy, Mike Starkey, SNW region Director, Sarah Delbecq, NNE Assistant, Bobby Hettmansperger, Vice President, Marc Roberts, Treasurer, and Jeffrey Baker, Secretary.

The Board received presentations from and had discussions with Conservation Partners.

Joe discussed NRCS information. He received a letter from Jerry Raynor, State Conservationist about NRCS PSS agreement. NRCS is hiring 8 Farm bill specialists, but their exact responsibilities are as of yet unclear. Joe is still waiting for further clarification about future PSS agreements as the current agreement ends December 2019.

Joe explained that ISDA are working on hiring soil specialist and still trying to fill Jordan's old position.

The Indiana District Employees Association annual meeting will be held October 1 – 3, 2019 at Clifty Falls State Park. Board members are requested to encourage district employees to sign up.

There was no report from Purdue.

The board was informed that Ray Chattin has resigned as SSW Regional Director. A motion was made and seconded to accept Ray's resignation. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Brad Smith as a provision member, subject to Nature conservancy accepting conflict of interest. The motion passed.

Joe Schmees, Executive Director conducted a mission review and the review of the roll of Board members. The next few meetings the Board will work on strategic planning. During this meeting we discussed what do we do as a Board? What is the association, what does the Association do?

Is there anything the association should be doing that we are not doing now?

Joe & Amy are working on quarterly newsletter to discuss with districts what we are doing.

The Board discussed the annual conference. Planning is underway. The Board discussed raising the registration fee.

Troy Hattery made a motion to leave the registration fee the same as last year. Jamie Scott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion about sponsors followed with Board Members encourage to contact previous sponsors.

Joe discussed future locations for the Annual Conference.

The board discussed potential bylaws reviews. Marc Roberts had discussed with Al Gauge, Parliamentarian what it would cost to review our bylaws and look at streamlining them. They were last amended in 2009. It was suggested that other cost estimates be obtained before the board acts.

The consensus of the board was to have the bylaws reviewed and the complete strategic planning before proceeding with the bylaws.

The Summer NACD Meeting will be held in Santa Fe. Roger Wenning will go as our delegate.

The budget provides for a delegate and an alternate.

Brad Ponsler made a motion for Mike Starkey to be the alternate delegate to also attend the meeting.

Troy Hattery seconded the motion and it carried.

ISDA has reached out to Joe about a representative of the IASWCD to the Indiana Land Resource Council. Jeff Healy of Hendricks County is the current member. The consensus of the board was to submit Jeff Healy as our representative. He is a District Supervisor in Hendricks County.

Marc Roberts requested a list of names be prepared of individuals who represent IASWCD on various boards so that the board members know who to contact.

The Board received a letter from ISDA about State Fair Board Positions for district 1-5 which are up for election (NW) (SW).

Stan Moore made motion and Marc Roberts seconded a motion to appoint Roger Wenning, President as delegate, Bobby Hettmansperger, Vice President as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, and Jamie Scott, Past president as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.

The Motion carried.

ISWCD/USDA summer training was discussed. In place of Spring & Fall regional meetings there will be summer meetings. All meetings will be the same and registration has just opened. We should encourage District Supervisors to attend.

Troy Hattery recognized Amy's 3 years of service with IASWCD.

Joe received a letter from the Indiana Conservation Partnership Alliance about potential conflicts of interest between Pheasants Forever which offers a 10% commission on Feed Mix that their biologist created if the district recommends it. Joe will send out a letter warning Districts to avoid the potential conflict of interest.

Joe Schmees, Executive Director's name has been submitted to Governor's office for approval as a member of the Storm Water Task Force.

The Board was informed that Josh Bishop is planning on stepping down as NSW Regional Director at the end of the year. Kerry Ames will talk to Joe to see if he has any ideas as to who could replace him.

The meeting was Adjourned.

A tour of the facility followed.