

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) Board Meeting

February 6, 2020

Morgan-Monroe State Forestry Center

Present: Mark Lawson, Kim Peterson, Troy Hattery, Cathy Becker, Andy Ambriole, Marc Roberts, Roger Wenning, Bobby Hettmansperger, Jamie Scott, Mark Kingma, Ken Cornwell, Jeff Meinders, Sarah Delbecq, Brad Smith, Joe Schmees and Amy Work

Call to Order Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm

- **Consent agenda**
 - moved by Troy Hattery to approve; all approved

- **Treasurer's Report (Marc Roberts)**
 - Joe briefed everyone on the audit summary. No glaring discrepancies. No "significant deficiencies." Joe stated that Jeff Baker said it looked good to him. Joe will sign off on it to finalize. He also state that the 2019 audit will be completed after this tax season and the cost will be about \$11K a year for the audits.

Partner Updates

No updates received to share; no partners present as meeting was off-site

IASWCD Business

- **New board members:** Ken Cornwell and Mark Kingma introduced themselves.
 - **Review board handbook**
 - ◇ Jamie asked if there is something in the handbook re: IASWCD Region Directors roles and responsibilities. Joe noted the job description on page 24.
 - ◇ Joe went over the handbook briefly and suggested everyone read it.
 - ◇ Joe asked for any updated contact information from board.
 - ◇ Jamie stated there is nothing in the handbook re: Region Directors responsibilities and this needs to be added. Joe asked everyone to read it and send him suggestions and recommendations to edit and add.
 - ◇ Conflict of interest forms will be emailed to board members by Joe and will need to be returned to him by March board meeting.
 - ◇ Any revisions will be dated, as in the past.

- **Business Meeting Minutes** from January 14, 2020. Jamie moved and Kim seconded the minutes. No corrections needed. All approved. Minutes can now be posted on the IASWCD website.
- **2020 SWCD Annual Conference wrap up**
 - Amy passed out the Conference Evaluation Summary booklet to board and highlighted a few items to discuss including Legislative Breakfast. Sarah D. took notes for Amy regarding comments and details from board.
- **NACD updates**
 - **Las Vegas meeting** – Roger, Bobby, Joe and Amy attending
 - Resolution – email sent regarding how the hearings work
 - **March DC fly-in** – March 25
 - Jerry (NRCS) will be there 1 of 2 days and he has training on the other day.
 - Joe briefed new members on what the DC fly-in is. Marc moved that we send Roger, Jamie, Jeff, Sarah and Gene Schmidt to DC for the fly-in. Cathy seconded.
 - Jamie Scott moved to amend the attendee list:
 - Amended to strike Jeff and put Joe in as an attendee. Final group attending: Roger, Jamie, Sarah, Joe and Gene Schmidt.
 - Voted and all approved. No one opposed.
- **Meeting with ISDA, SSCB and IASWCD on March 5**
 - Discussion regarding this upcoming meeting.
 - Board agreed to send Jamie, Roger and Joe to this meeting on behalf of the IASWCD board.
- **Legislative Updates**
 - Joe gave update on Senate Bill 99.
 - Joe informed about Senate Bill 368 (carbon sequestration, forest preservation and farming practices)
 - Joe gave update on the two Legislative Trainings, hosted by IASWCD, with Cress Hizer and Joe presenting over the past two months.
- **Review of Standing Committees**
 - Executive committee – executive board members
 - Finance committee – treasurer is chair and a few others

- Governance committee – Secretary is the chair and a few others (not the President); this was changed in the past to have the Past President be the chair; anyone else interested in being on this committee?
 - Jeff Meinders was recommended
 - Jamie will chair it
 - Roger asked for volunteers for this committee
 - Kim volunteered to be a part of this committee
 - Members: Jamie Scott, Jeff Meinders and Kim Peterson
 - Legislative Committee
 - Natural Resources Policy committee – Stan Moore is the chair; Marc is on it; and, Troy attends these meetings. Not a standing committee.
 - Joe explained how/when these committees meet – during lunch during board meetings in the IFB building.
- Recap of Planning Committees
 - No additional items here
 - Other
 - TNC has come forward with Contribution Agreement that provides training and cost share money. IASWCD receives \$2000 funds for administering the grant over a two-year period. Motion was moved by Troy and seconded by Jamie to enter into agreement to go forward.
 - Voting: All in favor. No opposed. Brad Smith abstained from motions and voting on this issue.
 - Joe mentioned \$100 sponsorship already in the budget for SICIM, CISMAS.
 - Joe gave an update on the newest version of the PSS agreement from NRCS.
 - Joe gave update on last IANA board meeting. 4 R's certification program was discussed. Asked organizations to take this information back to their respective organizations.
 - Amy mentioned information about 2020 All Employee Meeting on May 14, 2020 in Hendricks County and passed out "Save the Date" cards to board members.

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Mark Kingma made a motion to close the meeting and Cathy seconded. **Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.**