

IASWCD Resolution Submission Form - 2021

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Title of Resolution *

ANNUAL MEETINGS - OPTIONS FOR 2020 AND BEYOND

Submitted by (SWCD name) *

NOBLE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Contact Person and email *

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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need *

AS WE'RE ALL AWARE, SITUATIONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL CAN CHANGE OUR DAILY OPERATING PROCEDURES AND LIVES. WE TOO HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT OUR OPERATING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ADAPT TO CHANGE, CIRCUMSTANCES, AND SITUATIONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. (WE MUST REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR PERSONAL FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS ASIDE.) CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING OUR IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETINGS FALL SHORT ON GUIDANCE AND FLEXIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA. WE MUST NOW LOOK AT THINGS SUCH AS ADEQUATE MEETING PLACE AND ROOM SIZE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES (IN WHICH WE DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC THAT WILL SHOW UP THE DAY/EVENING OF THE EVENT). RSVP'S CAN BE REQUESTED BUT NOT ENFORCED THE WAY CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS LAWS ARE. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SET-UP (SOCIAL DISTANCING) AND SANITIZATION OF FURNISHINGS (INCLUDING PODIUM, MICROPHONE, SOUND SYSTEM, RESTROOMS, SUPPLIES, ETC) PRIOR TO AND AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING CAN AND WILL BE A CHALLENGE, ADEQUATE SIGNAGE MUST BE PLACED, FOOD AND BEVERAGE HANDLING HAS CHANGED. MEETING SUPPLIES MUST BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY, EVEN FINDING AND RESERVING A LOCATION IS A CHALLENGE RIGHT NOW AND WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN THIS WILL CHANGE. LASTLY, THE LIABILITY RISK THAT COULD IMPACT SWCD'S AND THE SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOT ADDRESSED TO MEET ALL OF THE STANDARDS PUT IN PLACE IN OUR STATE THIS PAST YEAR. EVEN AS SOME RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING LIFTED IN INDIANA, WE DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG AND WHAT THE LONG TERM WILL BRING. WE NEED TO HAVE ALTERNATIVES IN PLACE.

Proposed Solution *

IMMEDIATELY ALLOW SWCD'S THE OPTION TO PRINT, PROVIDE ELECTRONICALLY, OR DISTRIBUTE AN ANNUAL REPORT IN PLACE OF CONDUCTING AN IN PERSON ANNUAL MEETING. VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE ANOTHER OPTION BUT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE OR TRAININGS TO CONDUCT VIRTUAL IN ALL INDIANA COUNTIES AT THIS TIME. IMMEDIATELY WORK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INDIANA PUBLIC ACCESS AGENCIES AND/OR OTHER INDIANA STATE AGENCIES TO DETERMINE PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A LEGAL ELECTION VIA SEALED MAIL IN BALLOT, SIMILAR TO THE WAY THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY CONDUCTS THEIR ELECTIONS EACH YEAR. DETERMINE WHO WOULD ACT AS THE ELECTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DURING BALLOT OPENING AND COUNTING. CANDIDATES WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED BUT WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BE PRESENT DURING THE BALLOT OPENING. IN LIEU OF NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, VERBAGE TO OUR CURRENT LEGAL AD COULD BE ADDED WITH A DATE AND TIME DEADLINE FOR THOSE NOMINATIONS. THE OATH OF OFFICE WOULD BE CONDUCTED THE DAY OF THE ELECTION IF PLANNED ACCORDINGLY. ANY CONSERVATION AWARDS COULD BE PRESENTED PERSONALLY AT THE OFFICE OR THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS/FARMSTEAD, ETC. AND PUBLICLY ADVERTISED THROUGH MEDIA OUTLETS OF CHOICE.

Benefits Expected *

AN IMMEDIATE ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR SWCD ANNUAL MEETING THAT ADDRESSES OUR CURRENT SAFETY, ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC, ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND SURETY AND PROTECTION OF OUR STAFF AND INDIANA SWCD BOARD MEMBERS.

Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc..... *

IMMEDIATELY MOVE FORWARD ON SUPPORTING, DEVELOPING, AND IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES FOR AN "ALTERNATIVE OPTION" TO CONDUCTING A IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING FOR ALL INDIANA SWCDs.

Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution: *

IASWCD WOULD COORDINATE RESOURCES TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ALLOW INDIANA SWCDs TO IMMEDIATELY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION TO "IN PERSON" ANNUAL MEETINGS. THIS YEARS ACTIONS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY TO GET SWCDs THROUGH OUR ANNUAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2021. AFTER MARCH 31, 2021, IASWCD SHOULD WORK OFF OF THIS YEAR TO IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR OTHER YEARS. *COVID Safety Precautions for In-Person Events ver. 08/13/2020* THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE INDIANA CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTED FROM IASWCD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 IS JUST ANOTHER REASON TO CONFIRM THIS RESOLUTION. MANY SWCDs ARE NOT STAFFED AND ARE NOT PREPARED TO ADHERE AND ADMINISTER TO THESE PRECAUTIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS. PLEASE REFERENCE THIS DOCUMENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

Supervisor Signatures (By typing in names, signifies Supervisors approval of submission) *

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION,
THE NOBLE COUNTY SWCD BOARD of 2020
KYLE BAILEY – CHAIRMAN
ERIC STRATER – VICE CHAIRMAN
TOM FORTMAN – MEMBER
NICK HOSTED – MEMBER
RYAN CARMEN – MEMBER

Date signed *

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Title of Resolution *

Supervisor Per Diem

Submitted by (SWCD name) *

Elkhart

Contact Person and email *

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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need *

To not limit the Supervisor Per Diem to just \$35/day.

Proposed Solution *

To allow each District or County to have a choice or option in the Per Diem amounts per supervisor.

Benefits Expected *

To be able to compensate the districts supervisors for their efforts and times

Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc..... *

Allow districts to have the option and or opportunity to compensate the supervisors at a level the county is willing to compensate.

Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution: *

To not limit the districts to just \$35 Per Diem and allow districts to choose Per Diems according to the County amounts.

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Tom Kercher

Date signed *

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