

**IASWCD Board Meeting
Indiana Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis
March 18, 2022
Hybrid with Virtual Attendance**



Attendance

Board: Troy Hattery, Stan Moore, John Kruse, Bobby Hettmansperger, Sarah Delbecq, Marc Roberts
On Zoom- Mark Kingma, Kim Peterson, Sherry Whetstone, Jeff Baker

Staff: Joe Schmees, Amy Work, Lisa Holscher - On zoom

Partners: Walt Sell, Trevor Laureys - On zoom

Marc Roberts Called meeting to order at 9:43am

Troy Hattery moved to approve consent agenda John Kruse seconded, motion passed.

Sarah Delbecq presented the treasurer's report. It was filed subject to audit

Partner Reports

ISDA - Trevor Laureys - mentioned that there are 4 ISDA staff openings and internship. 2021 CWI and CREP reports are finished. Tillage transect is happening now. Cover Crop Premium discount program ended the 15th. \$5 back on premium. Trevor spoke about discussing our resolution concerning term limits with the board. They would like to work to take action in the coming months. John Kruse asked about changing some of the transect routes. Trevor said that they can move them, to contact him or Sam Strobel.

Purdue Extension - Walt Sell - Henry Quesada is the new Ag and Natural Resources Program Leader with Purdue. He has PHD in forestry. They have had a meeting for the Kankakee RCPP. Diverse Corn Belt is a program that is a 5 year multidisciplinary program focused on diversity in the landscape.

Joe got a haircut

IDEM - Joe gave report for Angie Brown. Nonpoint Source 319 solicitation comes out April 1. New Rule 5 rules have been causing issues. The state board will try to get an IDEM representative to speak to address Rule 5 in the near future.

CCSI - Lisa Holsher - Deadline to register for cover crop training is next week. That is to get out new midwest cover crop guide book. Training dates are April 5th, 19th, and 26th. Optional in-person day April 12th at Beck Ag Center at Purdue ACRE farm. National Wildlife Foundation has survey that is available to partners to help show impact of events and figure out what is working/what is not. CCSI is considering a Clean Water Indiana ask for some of the returned funds. Grants committee will meet in April to discuss. Lisa asked for side by side comparison pictures to show effect of conservation practices working well. Lisa asked for us to ponder grain donation challenge.

SICIM 2021 annual written report - Joe will try to make sure they are connected with NACD RPG. Amy will share some of their videos on our website that highlight the work being done throughout the state. IASWCD will provide certificate of insurance for their annual meeting.

Joe presented SICIM legislative ask. Conversation ensued. Joe will communicate the boards initial thoughts back to SICIM before June meeting.

IASWCD Business

Conference Wrap up - Amy spoke about attendee evaluation and comments. She talked about working through new venue. Overall folks were happy with the Westin. Parking was difficult. April 12 is next conference planning meeting. Looking for supervisors to provide input yet. Amy will work to update sponsor list. Amy also talked a bit about the upcoming lunch and learns. The next is April 6.

Legislative Update - House Bill 1001 Ended the 100% virtual meeting option. Virtual component is still an option. 50% must be in person. Virtual attendees must be seen and heard. Public must be allowed to attend in person. All rules are posted on our website. Senate Bill 85 created drainage task force. We are recommending Jeff Healy from Hendricks county for this spot.

Mark Kingma made the motion to recommend Jeff Healy for the Drainage Taskforce, and John Kruse seconded, motion passed.

Cress Hizer is working on putting together a final summary for this session.

NACD Fly-In. All federal offices have been contacted. Most are scheduled. Ideas were pitched to engage legislators and continue the contact. Sarah brought up putting together profiles for legislators to narrow in on issues that we can improve alignment with conservation and their thoughts/feelings.

Supervisor roles- Joe went through handbook and talked about roles and responsibilities of board members. There was some conversation.

Committee Chairs and participation -

Executive - Exec Committee

Finance - Treasurer, Troy Hattery, Jeff Baker, John Kruse

Governance - Secretary, Mark Kingma, Kim Peterson, Stan Moore

Legislative - Sarah Delbecq, Mark Kingma, Roger Wenning, Kim Peterson, Marc Roberts

NRPC - Stan Moore, Marc Roberts, Brad Smith

Offsite meeting - Looking at Wolfies on Morse

Conflict of Interest - forms will be emailed out.

Updates on agreements - Joe updated us on grants and agreements with NRCS for CCSI and Urban Soil Health.

PSS agreements may be going away after this year.

SSCB Update - Joe presented to the board about the pathway to water quality on behalf of the ICP. Short-fall of funds may be used for grants that were not funded fully or for other projects. Warren Baird is stepping down and Gene Schmidt will be taking his place. Bobby and Marc will work with ISDA and Purdue to discuss term limit resolution.

Region Meetings - End of August timeframe. The time of day is looking to be 5:30-8:30 pm, with dates on Aug 23 (NW), Aug 25 (SE), Aug 29 (SW), and Aug 31 (NE). Trying to set the agenda.

Virtual vs hybrid meeting. We will continue with having a virtual option except for the June offsite meeting. Joe will look at other policies to bring before the board in June.

Stan made the motion to continue a virtual option for this year, and John seconded. Motion passed.

Envirothon is currently using our 501C3 federal ID number. We may need to encourage them to get their own. We will check and see how other states are doing theirs.

Meeting adjourned 3:04 PM.