

State Association Meeting 11/18/2022 Hybrid

Attendance

Board: Troy Hattery, Stan Moore, John Kruse, Marc Roberts, Jeff Baker
On Zoom- Andy Ambriole, Sarah Delbecq, Kim Peterson, Sherry Baird

Staff:

Joe Schmees
Amy Work

Partners:

Judi Brown/ Teddie Mower- Indiana Envirothon
Angie Brown - On zoom
Lisa Holscher - On zoom
Kris Vance - On Zoom

Jeff Baker Called meeting to order at 9:39 am

Marc Roberts moved to approve consent agenda John Cruse seconded motion passed

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

Partner Reports

Angie - IDEM - TMDL making progress, working on Big Raccoon. 319 decisions have been made. 16 applications, funding 13 of them. Angie highlighted Lake Monroe water fund 501C3 is setting up local revolving fund to repair/replace failed and failing septic and funding Agriculture BMP's.

Kris Vance - NRCS - Filling in for Jill Rinehart's old position. Position will likely be posted early 2023. First round EQIP Dec. 16. AG Conservation Easement Program, Wetland Reserve, just closed, but agland is December 17. No CSP deadline yet, but it is anticipated in mid-January. People's garden initiative I coming to Indiana - mostly a recognition program (Typically school, urban, small scale. Must benefit community). RCPP Announcement coming in January. National equity grant opportunity to be announced in January as well.

Lisa Holscher - CCSI - Report is was sent ahead. New Program manager positions have been posted, applications are coming in. Adding a second agronomist in collaboration with Purdue, position has not been posted yet. Strategic planning has been going on. In person meeting will be Tuesday the 29th. Hoosier Ag Today will continue to produce CCSI podcasts. Has been picked up by 1 good idea. The Root project - slides have been created with high quality imagery.

Joe Schmees - Urban Program-Warrick County overlap has ended their portion, so we are looking for a new South East director as the South East employee moved to a closer to home region in the Southwest.

Judi Brown/Teddie Mower - Envirothon - Envirothon is a program for high school students. Teams of 5 study about Natural resources. Aquatic ecology, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current issue are the areas where students test their knowledge. Envirothon used to be under the umbrella of the state association, and they are wondering about coming back under the umbrella rather than being an organization on their own. Teams can be made up of FFA, 4-H, homeschool or other groups. Teams listen to experts and then take a 100-question test. Top teams advance to the state. Major component is Natural Resource Concern Presentation. Canada and China also compete at national event. National prizes for top teams often include scholarships. Created in 1979 as environmental olympics Indiana started in 1991 in Wabash. There are 7 regional contests.

Stan Moore made a motion to include Envirothon under the NRP committee Jeff Baker Seconded, motion passed.

Indiana Envirothon will submit monthly financial statements to IASWCD. Board members are encouraged to help build the Envirothon program in their home areas.

IASWCD Business

Financial Update

Joe gave financial update. The auditor will help us to not need a uniform guidance audit this year. We will need to amend our return from last year which Jeff does not think will be a big deal. Next year with an added urban program employee, the more intensive audit will be needed again.

Executive Director Transition

Currently have no Resumes or cover letters turned in yet. Amy has been posting the position in multiple areas and is managing the postings. Stan made the motion, Roger seconded that we spend \$250 to post the position-motion passed. Amy along with executive committee, and Stan Moore will be on selection committee. Partners may be contacted if appropriate when the process has progressed.

Joe talked about the process; his last day will be the 30th. After this we may put together contract to have Joe train new hire. The contract will agree to pay Joe Schmees hourly, an amount similar to his current pay to help shore up and train the new executive director, until the board determines it unnecessary not to exceed 10 hours a week. John Kruse made the motion, Roger seconded, motion passed.

SICIM Funding Support

This item will be tabled until December.

2023 Conference

Update on sponsors and exhibitors. Amy has been keeping board updated weekly. She went over budget that she is working with CMC. Food costs have remained pretty similar.

Roger moved and Marc Roberts seconded the motion to approve the eligible scholarships - motion passed.

Amy gave an overview of the District showcase awards and said the other awards should have results come in today.

Legislative Update

Joe is still working on SICIM ask for \$8.6 million. It is leveraging staffing survey and needs assessment to show where funds would go. Les, Ray, Mike Warner have met with Jeff Thompson (ways and means) to get the ball rolling in funding ask. There was some discussion about making sure that districts were clear on what we should be communicated with Legislators. Les will have more updates in December.

2023 Officer Slate

Roger moved, Stan seconded the motion for the following slate. - Motion passed.

Past President - Bobby Hettmansperger

President - Jeff Baker

Vice President - Marc Roberts

Secretary - Sarah Delbecq

Treasurer - Mark Kingma

For regions without directors or assistants, we need to all be working to make sure that we have good folks that will show up and contribute.

NACD Delegate

John Kruse made a motion for Roger to be the delegate and Stan and Marc to work together as assistant. Jeff seconded - motion passed.

Warrick county staff will be attending NACD. Marc made the motion and Roger seconded to send one staff member to NACD in New Orleans as a speaker to not exceed regular staff costs (registration and travel) motion passed - Jeff abstained from voting.

Pathway to Water Quality

CWI funds came through and updates have been done to pathway to water quality. State Fair chipped in funds for half of updates.

Purdue MOU

We have been working with Walt Sell to update MOU and resign concerning research.

State Soil Board

Bob Eddelman is retiring from state soil board. We would like to submit Jane Hardesty to the state soil board. Purdue and ISDA were supportive of the name. Jeff Baker made the motion and Stan Moore seconded to advance her name- motion passed

Dues

Roger made the motion and Mark seconded that we accept dues payment up until the Annual business meeting for a district to be in good standing.

December Board meeting

December 16 at 9:30 at Farm Bureau Meeting will be catered depending on amount that respond that they will be here.

Meeting Adjourned 1:25 pm