

## **State Association Meeting 12/16/2022 Hybrid**

### **Attendance**

**Board:** Troy Hattery, Stan Moore, John Kruse, Marc Roberts, Jeff Baker, Mark Kingma, Sarah Delbecq, Roger Wenning, Kim Peterson, Les Zimmerman, Jeff Meinders

On Zoom- Sherry Baird

### **Staff:**

Amy Work

### **Partners:**

Trevor Laureys - ISDA  
Eli Blaine - Urban  
Megan Ayers - Urban, On zoom  
Jason Kishton - FSA

### ***Jeff Baker Called meeting to order at 10:17***

Sherri Baird moved to approve consent agenda John Cruse seconded motion

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

### **Partner Reports**

FSA - Rewrote coverage of certain birds on NOV 1 for SAFE. Doing Joint training for safe at end of January (24th around Kokomo and 26th at Johnson County Fairgrounds) along with CREP refresher. CREP steering committee meeting occurred a couple weeks ago. Looking at expanding acres. General signup, roughly 8 weeks, for wildlife and highly erodible. Expecting to open soon.

ISDA - Trevor Laureys, CREP staff open position in Kokomo, been interviewing, hoping to fill in next week or 2. Also position open in Huntington. Trying to fill open staff positions. September meeting created funding (\$150,000) to fund grant coordinator and training person to help capture some of federal funds. EPA funds created Nutrient Stewardship position to help adopt 4R's. These should be posted soon. Waiting on state HR. Trevor just returned from annual hypoxia task force meeting in DC. By-partisan infrastructure law was one of the main topics. ISDA submitted 2 year plan of work. Cover Crop premium discount program is active. Upper White river watershed.

Urban Soil Health - 4000 person reach both in person and virtual. 120 events. 100 site visits. Collaborating with NRCS on Urban programs. Done 3 part series to transition folks. 301 planning to programs training on January 5. Updates on cover crop, mulching, low tunnels. New urban conservationist coming for NRCS. Urban program will like to present Certificates at Region meetings at annual conference.

CCSI - Update sent separately. Marc and Les talked a bit about strategic planning meeting. Marc would like to replicate the group and moderators for the state association. Les updated

more about how the information will be formative for the direction CCSI will go. Amy highlighted the CCSI/TNC mini-grant program that will be highlighted and rolled out at conference focused on soil health outreach and education.

### **IASWCD Business**

We approved the '22 annual meeting minutes.

Amy updated us on sponsorships. Looks like we will take a loss on conference. Currently we have 18 exhibitors, we typically have 30. We talked about dues and the cost of conference. We decided that moving forward, we should work in February after conference to project what cost will be needed in 24 and then discuss early what the attendance fee should be.

Amy went over schedule for annual conference. We talked about who to invite to Sunday dinner. We also talked about region meetings. Marc will cover the SSE open meeting. Jeff will work on SSW. We discussed that the agenda for the region meetings needs to include conversation about the legislative ask and how to position to legislators especially how the big ask could change things in individual districts.

Les gave legislative update about the work that has been done so far and the work that still needs to be done. He talked about the strategy of meeting with legislators directly. He is working on a sit down meeting with the chairs of ways and means, chair of ag, chair of nat. resources chair of environmental affairs. Legislative committee has identified around 10 legislators that are priorities that have influence on committees and lined up supervisors and staff to reach out to them. He submitted a receipt for reimbursement for printing 1 page talking points.

23 Meeting dates. Marc suggested adding in meetings in April and in August. The group kind of decided it was preferable to have a hybrid meeting. (A farm bureau room with a zoom option.)

Approval of 2023 HRA. Roger moved to approve the HRA as it was presented in the budget. Passed unanimously.

Other - Amy has vacation scheduled for January and February. Amy also mentioned needing a new printer.

John Kruse moved to adjourn at 2:38