

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, January 25, 2022

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 9:09 am

1. Welcome and IntroductionsBobby Hettmansperger
President Bobby Hettmansperger called the 79th meeting of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc., (IASWCD) to order at 9:09 am. He welcomed and introduced the executive officers:
He welcomed and introduced the executive officers as: Jeff Baker, Vice President, not present; Sarah Delbecq, Treasurer; Marc Roberts, Secretary; Roger Wenning, Past President; and, himself as President. He also introduced Ed Frazier, Parliamentarian.

2. Seating of Delegates / Roll Call.....Marc Roberts
Marc reported that there are 53 delegates present and ready to vote, providing a quorum.

Bobby referred to the proposed meeting rules in the front of the 2022 Delegate Notebook. A vote in favor of adopting the Procedures and Rules was taken. More than two thirds were in favor. No one opposed.

3. Minutes of 2021 Annual Business MeetingBobby Hettmansperger
Bobby stated that the 2021 minutes were approved during the February 19, 2021 IASWCD Board Meeting in accordance to a bylaw amendment made in 2019.

4. Treasurer’s ReportSarah Delbecq
Sarah referred to the FY2021 statement in the Delegate Notebook. She further stated that 89 counties paid dues in 2021 and that IASWCD appreciates the continued support. Sarah stated that this past year was the first full year of the Urban Soil Health program. She thanked all the districts who provided matching funding for that program and reminded everyone that this program is open to all districts.

Sarah mentioned that in the expenses category, notice the office expenditures and rent have remained stable; travel costs have been reduced due to covid restrictions.

There were no questions from the assembly.

President Bobby stated that the **Treasurer’s report would be filed.**

5. Audit Committee Report.....Sarah Delbecq

Sarah stated, since 2018, the IASWCD has been engaged in third party audits, as is required by the federal government Single Audit, formerly known as Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. These audits are required for entities that exceed the threshold of \$750,000 in federal dollars expended in a single fiscal year. Another third party audit was completed in December of 2021 for this past fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021. The third party audit found no misrepresentation of the financial records, and all reports have been submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as required. As a reminder, due to the timing overlap with the normal IASWCD audit committee review in December, the board has decided that the federally required third party audits will be substitute for the traditional internal IASWCD audit committee review. The federally required audits must be completed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and thus are much more rigorous than our internal audits. The audit findings report is available upon request from the IASWCD Executive Director.

Acceptance of the Audit Committee Report was presented by Bobby Hettmansperger. Majority in favor of accepting the Audit Committee Report. No one opposed.

6. Budget Committee Report.....Sarah Delbecq

Sarah stated that the proposed budget for 2022 is printed in your delegate notebook and she moved for the adoption of the proposed 2022 budget as printed.

Sarah listed specific grants and she mentioned that expenses remain steady in most categories and that the budget is conservative. She reminded the assembly that the SICIM contribution agreement is in its last year of \$10K/year contribution for five consecutive years. Also, she mentioned that a match for Urban Soil Health/IANA is also in its fifth year out of five.

Bobby asked for acceptance of the adoption of the proposed 2022 budget as printed. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the budget with no opposition.

7. Resolutions.....Roger Wenning

President Bobby Hettmansperger reminded the assembly that each person may speak twice to each motion and for a maximum of three minutes each time. Speaking a second time may happen after everyone has had a chance to speak the first time. Please speak by unmuting yourself on your device. Past President Roger Wenning (in place of Vice President Jeff Baker) read the one resolution and Bobby asked for discussion and called for a vote after the resolution was read.

1. Resolution Title: State Soil Conservation Board Term Limits

- o Submitted by: Kosciusko County SWCD
- o Roger read the resolution title
- o Discussion from assembly
 - No discussion
 - Majority voted in favor; 4 opposed
 - Resolution adopted

No additional resolutions were brought forward from the floor.

8. Nominating Committee ReportBobby Hettmansperger

A list of nominees was announced by Past President Roger Wenning.

Slate of Officers was as follows:

- **For President: Bobby Hettmansperger, Wabash County**
- **For Vice President: Jeff Baker, Warrick County (not present)**
- **For Secretary: Marc Roberts, Montgomery County**
- **For Treasurer: Sarah Delbecq, DeKalb County**

Bobby reiterated the nominees and asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were presented and nominations were closed.

Each candidate briefly addressed the delegates:

Marc Roberts – thank you. Looking forward to another year of being on the board. Encourage involvement in committees.

Sarah Delbecq – gave brief history of her experience including, DeKalb supervisor for 6 years; IASWCD for 3 years. Encouraged interested parties to be involved and see the partnership and how it functions on a different level. She stated that she is happy to be a part and serve as the delegates see fit.

Bobby Hettmansperger – appreciates the opportunity to serve. Been involved for many years. Enjoy Wabash county supervisor role. 2022 hoping to get back to some normal. Looking forward to being more active and fulfilling more as his role as president.

Bobby asked for a consent vote for slate of officers. Majority voted yes with no opposition. Slate of officers was accepted.

9. Executive Director’s Report.....Joe Schmees

Joe Schmees, Executive Director of IASWCD, addressed the assembly regarding the following annual highlights:

- Thank you for being here today
- Great to see everyone
- 15% reduction in last legislative session
- Bill proposed regarding Wetland regulations
- End of session – helped with restoring CWI general fund
- Unfortunately the reduction remained in dedicated funding
- Wetland task force – Joe appointed by Governor to represent SWCDs on this committee
- Short session – almost over; done 1st week of March
- Bills– some on watersheds and some on drainage
- Statehouse legislative visits with Cress - email Joe if interested in scheduling your district for these visits
- Urban Soil Health Program – hired regional soil health specialists; urban and small scale farming;
- CCSI – staffed by the IASWCD and supported by the ICP; continues to stand out as leader of hybrid events and field days; reach out to Lisa and her staff for support in these areas as needed. CCSI was able to provide thousands of dollars through a mini-grant program for districts. Great opportunity and great accomplishment with a quick turnaround time.

- IASWCD– used virtual platform for: legislative trainings; VirTuesday training for districts. Recordings of all of these trainings on iaswcd.org on the “For Districts” page.
- Past year our board – spent time discussing “how can we better support districts”; districts that are successful, stagnating, with new supervisors, etc.
 - We worked with ISDA. Renewing work relationship with them. Moreover, working together on training for supervisors. When they need it and how they need it and what they need.
 - We moved VirTuesday trainings to evenings thinking these would be better times for supervisors but attendance was not great.
 - We are moving to on demand trainings for supervisors
 - Might have incentive for districts whose supervisors participate in this training
 - Survey link has gone out and we need supervisors to fill this out (regarding supervisor training)
 - Need this feedback to make this training beneficial to you
- Trainings for staff will also still be available. IDEA is working on training with and for staff. IASWCD is collaborating with them on this as well.
- Challenge assembly to get uncomfortable – step out of comfort zone and move forward.
- We are your association and we serve the districts.

10. New Business Election Report.....Bobby Hettmansperger

Roger Wenning announced new Officers:

- **For President: Bobby Hettmansperger, Wabash County**
- **For Vice President: Jeff Baker, Warrick County**
- **For Secretary: Marc Roberts, Montgomery County**
- **For Treasurer: Sarah Delbecq, DeKalb County**

Bobby Hettmansperger confirmed list of 2022 IASWCD Executive Officers.

11. Other business.....Bobby Hettmansperger

Bobby asked for any additional business from the assembly.

There was none.

12. Oath of OfficeKenny Cain, SSCB

Kenny Cain, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, performed the oath of office with the newly elected officers.

They were asked if they agreed to fulfill the duties of their respective offices as stated in the IASWCD bylaws to the best of their ability. They agreed. Kenny declared them duly installed as the 2022 Executive Officers of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

13. Adjournment.....Bobby Hettmansperger

Bobby asked for any further business that needed to come before the assembly. There was no further business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.