



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF
soil and water conservation
DISTRICTS

2024 DELEGATE NOTEBOOK

81st Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water
Conservation Districts

January 8-9, 2024
The Westin Indianapolis

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IASWCD Annual Business Meeting Rules

1. Delegates shall check in at the Credentials Desk (outside ballroom).
2. Delegates should be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
3. All cell phones are to be turned off or silenced during the meeting.
4. The meeting shall be called to order promptly.
5. The Credentials Report (seating of Delegates) shall report the number of registered delegates.
6. Late delegates may be seated by unanimous consent of the assembly.
7. Delegates and non-delegates shall wear the official meeting badge at all functions.
8. Non-delegates shall be seated in an area appropriately marked and separated from official delegates.
9. Delegates wishing to speak to the assembly shall come to the microphone and address the President. After the President recognizes the delegate, the delegate should identify himself/herself by name and District.
10. Delegates may speak only two times to a motion or proposal and may not speak a second time until all other delegates have had an opportunity to speak. Each speech is limited to 3 minutes.
11. Voting will be done by each delegate raising the district placard.

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.

**Annual Business Meeting
The Westin Indianapolis
241 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

AGENDA

- 9:30 AM** Welcome and Introductions.....Jeff Baker (President)
- Seating of Delegates / Roll Call.....Sarah Delbecq (Secretary)
- Minutes of 2022 Annual Business Meeting.....Sarah Delbecq
- Treasurer’s Report.....Mark Kingma (Treasurer)
- Audit Committee Report..... Mark Kingma
- Budget Committee Report..... Mark Kingma
- Resolutions.....Marc Roberts (Vice President)
- Nominating Committee Report.....Bobby Hettmansperger (Past President)
- Election of Officers.....Bobby Hettmansperger
- Year End Report.....Jeff Baker (President)
- New Business
- Election Report.....Bobby Hettmansperger
- Other Business
- Oath of Office.....SSCB Member
- Adjournment

Deadlines for Indiana Districts

(per Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation)

January

- January 1st – Annual meeting information due located on conservation link
- January 31st – 1099 for any district paid amounts over \$600
- At the January board meeting – Designation of Depository, update/review district policies

February

- February 29 – Annual Financial Report (AFR) located on SBOA Gateway (due to the leap year this is due Feb. 29th instead of March 1st for 2024.) *Check SBOA for further announcements.

March

- March 31st – AFR and Capacity Payment Report to Grant Management System (GMS)
- March 31st – must hold an annual meeting within the first quarter of the year. At board meeting following annual meeting hold election of officers (chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary, etc.)

September

- Dates vary – CWI grant applications due

November

- November 1st – Election Committee due located on conservation link
- November 1st – Appointed supervisor due located on conservation link

December

- December 1st – Elected supervisor due located on conservation link

If you have a CWI grant

- Every quarter (1st Friday of January, April, July, and October), Conservation Project Tracking must be completed located on conservation link
- July 31st and January 31st grant reporting due located on Grant Management System (GMS)

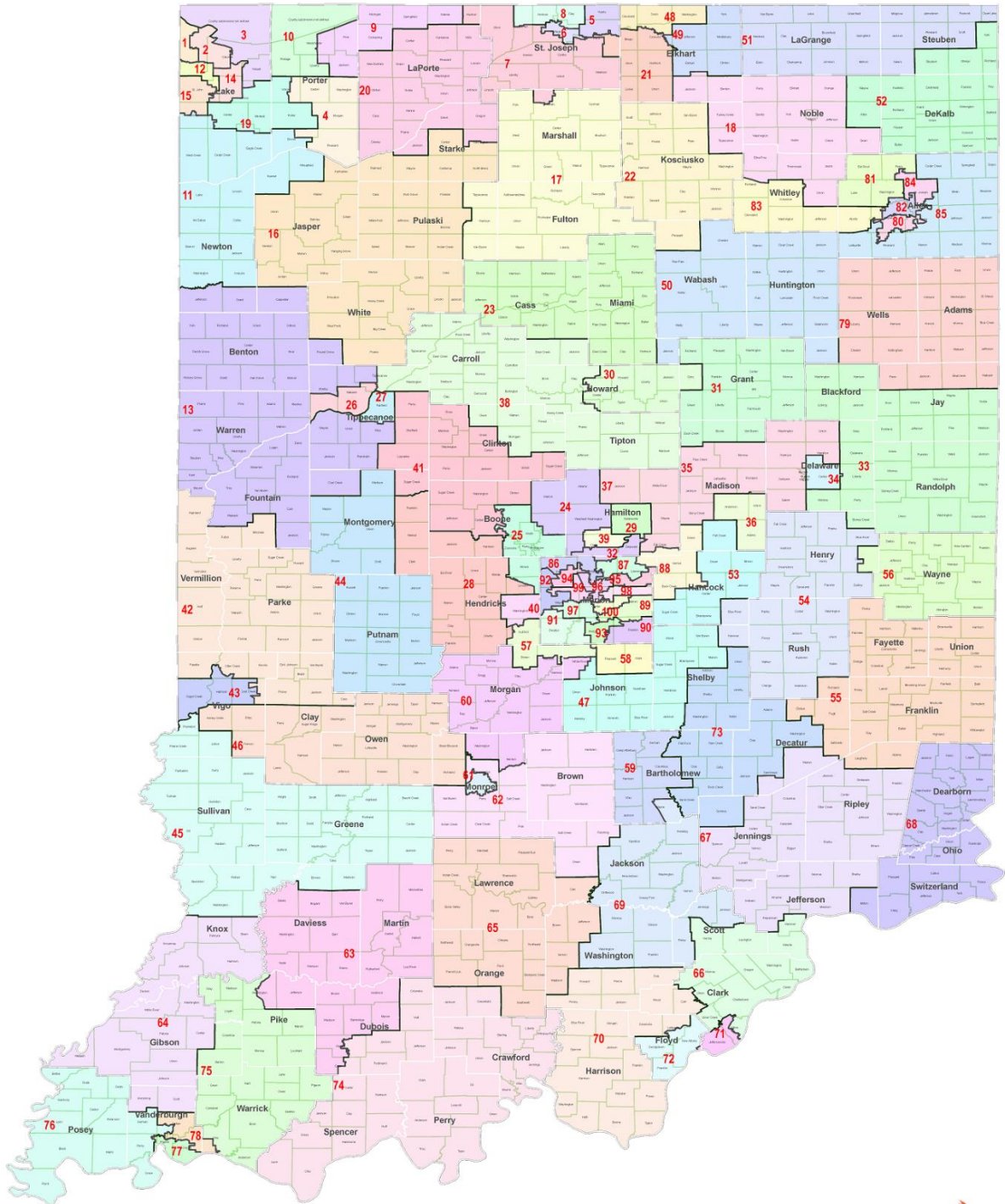
LEGISLATOR DIRECTORY



124th Indiana General Assembly

2024

Indiana State House Districts 2021



Name	District	Office Email	Office Phone	LA	Counties
Carolyn Jackson	1	h1@jga.in.gov	317-232-9671	Katie Beaumont	Lake
Earl Harris, Jr.	2	h2@jga.in.gov	317-232-9827	Derion Searcey	Lake
Ragen Hatcher	3	h3@jga.in.gov	317-232-9484	Moira Kehoe	Lake
Ed Soliday	4	h4@jga.in.gov	317-232-9643	Korby Petro	Porter
Dale DeVon	5	h5@jga.in.gov	317-232-9816	Caleb Jackson	St. Joseph
Maureen Bauer	6	h6@jga.in.gov	317-232-9484	Moira Kehoe	St. Joseph
Jake Teshka	7	h7@jga.in.gov	317-232-9981	Bethany Schrock	LaPorte, Marshall, St. Joseph
Ryan Dvorak	8	h8@jga.in.gov	317-234-9307	Eric Virden	St. Joseph
Pat Boy	9	h9@jga.in.gov	317-232-9671	Katie Beaumont	LaPorte, Porter
Chuck Moseley	10	h10@jga.in.gov	317-232-9987	John Spence	Porter
Michael J. Aylesworth	11	h11@jga.in.gov	317-234-9139	Mason Janowski	Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter
Mike Andrade	12	h12@jga.in.gov	317-232-9987	John Spence	Lake
Sharon Negele	13	h13@jga.in.gov	317-232-9802	Alyssa Walrich	Benton, Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren, White
Vernon Smith	14	h14@jga.in.gov	317-232-9976	Anne Hancock	Lake
Hal Slager	15	h15@jga.in.gov	317-234-2993	Scott Berghoff	Lake
Kendell Culp	16	h16@jga.in.gov	317-234-9447	Connor McCarthy	Jasper, Pulaski, Starke, White
Jack Jordan	17	h17@jga.in.gov	317-232-9651	Kaylee Koehlinger	Fulton, Marshall, Pulaski
David Abbott	18	h18@jga.in.gov	317-232-9850	Hunter Frost	Elkhart, Kosciusko, Noble, Whitley
Julie Olthoff	19	h19@jga.in.gov	317-232-9815	Aaron Wainscott	Lake, Porter
Jim Pressel	20	h20@jga.in.gov	317-232-9815	Aaron Wainscott	LaPorte, Starke
Timothy Wesco	21	h21@jga.in.gov	317-234-3827	Dolan Monroe	Elkhart, St. Joseph
Craig Snow	22	h22@jga.in.gov	317-234-2993	Scott Berghoff	Kosciusko, Wabash
Ethan Manning	23	h23@jga.in.gov	317-232-9619	Nathan Hood	Cass, Miami
Donna Schaibley	24	h24@jga.in.gov	317-232-9833	Veda Amor	Boone, Hamilton
Becky Cash	25	h25@jga.in.gov	317-232-9620	Ethan Wright	Boone, Henricks
Chris Campbell	26	h26@jga.in.gov	317-234-3101	Gabriel Donnelly	Tippecanoe
Sheila Ann Klinker	27	h27@jga.in.gov	317-232-9875	Peter Okeafor	Tippecanoe
Jeff Thompson	28	h28@jga.in.gov	317-232-9651	Kaylee Koehlinger	Boone, Hendricks, Montgomery
Chuck Goodrich	29	h29@jga.in.gov	317-234-0931	Lucas White	Hamilton
Michael Karickhoff	30	h30@jga.in.gov	317-232-9816	Caleb Jackson	Grant, Howard
Ann Vermilion	31	h31@jga.in.gov	317-232-9833	Veda Amor	Grant, Madison
Victoria Garcia Wilburn	32	h32@jga.in.gov	317-232-9484	Moira Kehoe	Hamilton, Marion

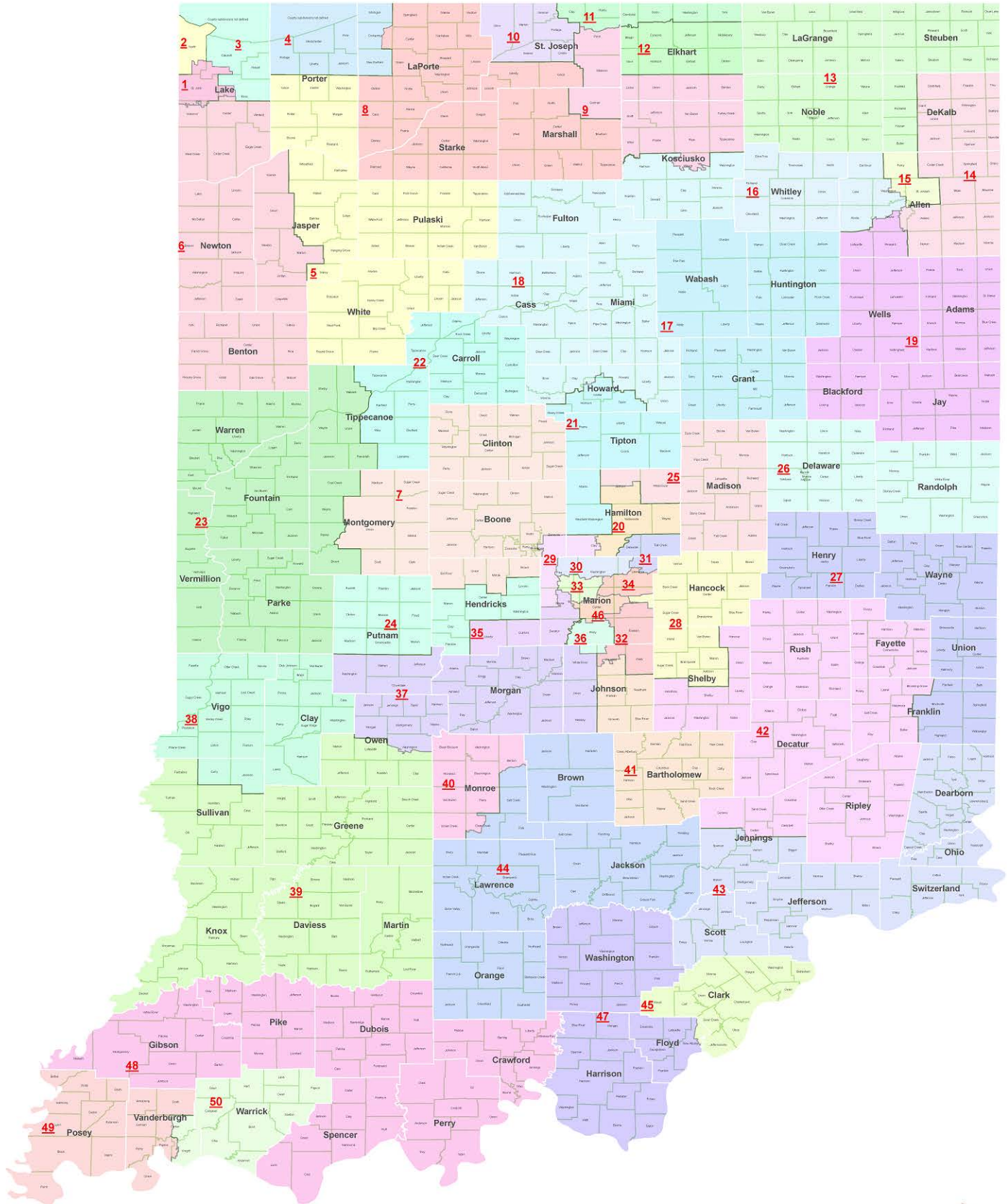
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Elizabeth Rowray	35	h35@jga.in.gov	317-232-9643	Korby Petro	Delaware, Madison
Kyle Pierce	36	h36@jga.in.gov	317-234-0931	Lucas White	Madison
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Heath VanNatter	38	h38@jga.in.gov	317-234-9499	Carter Fulk	Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Howard, Tippecanoe, Tipton
Jerry Torr	39	h39@jga.in.gov	317-232-9816	Caleb Jackson	Hamilton
Greg Steuerwald	40	h40@jga.in.gov	317-234-3827	Dolan Monroe	Hendricks
Mark Genda	41	h41@jga.in.gov	317-232-9643	Korby Petro	Boone, Clinton, Montgomery, Tippecanoe
Alan Morrison	42	h42@jga.in.gov	317-232-9753	Evan Chrise	Clay, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo
Tonya Pfaff	43	h43@jga.in.gov	317-232-9794	Gregory Buchanan	Vigo
Beau Baird	44	h44@jga.in.gov	317-232-9981	Bethany Schrock	Montgomery, Putnam
Bruce Borders	45	h45@jga.in.gov	317-232-9753	Evan Chrise	Daviess, Greene, Knox, Sullivan, Vigo
Bob Heaton	46	h46@jga.in.gov	317-234-3827	Dolan Monroe	Clay, Monroe, Owen, Vigo
Robb Greene	47	h47@jga.in.gov	317-234-9028	Spencer Schriener	Johnson, Shelby
Doug Miller	48	h48@jga.in.gov	317-232-9815	Aaron Wainscott	Elkhart
Joanna King	49	h49@jga.in.gov	317-232-9657	Jon Brunnemer	Elkhart
Lorissa Sweet	50	h50@jga.in.gov	317-234-9447	Connor McCarthy	Huntington, Miami, Wabash, Wells
Denny Zent	51	h51@jga.in.gov	317-232-9850	Hunter Frost	LaGrange, Steuben
Ben Smaltz	52	h52@jga.in.gov	317-234-9499	Carter Fulk	DeKalb, Noble, Steuben
Bob Cherry	53	h53@jga.in.gov	317-232-9651	Kaylee Koehlinger	Hancock, Madison
Corey Criswell	54	h54@jga.in.gov	317-232-9850	Hunter Frost	Hancock, Henry, Rush, Shelby
Lindsay Patterson	55	h55@jga.in.gov	317-232-9833	Veda Amor	Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, Rush, Union
Brad Barrett	56	h56@jga.in.gov	317-234-2993	Scott Berghoff	Henry, Wayne
Craig Haggard	57	h57@jga.in.gov	317-232-9981	Bethany Schrock	Hendricks, Johnson, Morgan
Michelle Davis	58	h58@jga.in.gov	317-232-9769	Skyler Wood	Johnson
Ryan Lauer	59	h59@jga.in.gov	317-234-9028	Spencer Schriener	Bartholomew
Peggy Mayfield	60	h60@jga.in.gov	317-232-9620	Ethan Wright	Johnson, Monroe, Morgan
Matt Pierce	61	h61@jga.in.gov	317-232-9794	Gregory Buchanan	Monroe
Dave Hall	62	h62@jga.in.gov	317-232-9863	Drew Sellers	Brown, Jackson, Monroe
Shane Lindauer	63	h63@jga.in.gov	317-232-9648	Devon Joyce	Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Pike
Matt Hostettler	64	h64@jga.in.gov	317-232-9648	Devon Joyce	Gibson, Knox, Vanderburgh
Chris May	65	h65@jga.in.gov	317-232-9981	Bethany Schrock	Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Washington

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Zach Payne	66	h66@jga.in.gov	317-232-9802	Alyssa Walrich	Clark, Jefferson, Scott
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Randy Lyness	68	h68@jga.in.gov	317-232-9657	Jon Brunnemer	Dearborn, Jefferson, Ohio, Switzerland
Jim Lucas	69	h69@jga.in.gov	317-234-9447	Connor McCarthy	Bartholomew, Jackson, Scott, Washington
Karen Engleman	70	h70@jga.in.gov	317-232-9769	Skylar Wood	Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Washington
Rita Fleming	71	h71@jga.in.gov	317-232-9483	Katilyn Sears	Clark, Floyd
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Jennifer Meltzer	73	h73@jga.in.gov	317-232-9657	Jon Brunnemer	Bartholomew, Decatur, Jennings, Shelby
Stephen Bartels	74	h74@jga.in.gov	317-232-9863	Drew Sellers	Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Spencer
Cindy Ledbetter	75	h75@jga.in.gov	317-234-9139	Mason Janowski	Gibson, Pike, Warrick
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Ryan Hatfield	77	h77@jga.in.gov	317-232-9628	Kyle Donohue	Vanderburgh
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Phil GiaQuinta	80	h80@jga.in.gov	317-232-9628	Kyle Donohue	Allen
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Kyle Miller	82	h82@jga.in.gov	317-234-9307	Eric Virden	Allen
Christopher Judy	83	h83@jga.in.gov	317-232-9863	Drew Sellers	Allen, Whitley
Bob Morris	84	h84@jga.in.gov	317-232-9619	Nathan Hood	Allen
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Ed DeLaney	86	h86@jga.in.gov	317-234-3101	Gabriel Donnelly	Marion
Carey Hamilton	87	h87@jga.in.gov	317-234-9307	Eric Virden	Marion
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Mike Speedy	90	h90@jga.in.gov	317-234-9028	Spencer Schriener	Marion
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Blake Johnson	100	h100@jga.in.gov	317-232-9976	Anne Hancock	Marion

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Indiana State Senate Districts 2021



https://iga.in.gov/information/senate_district_map/



Name	District	Year	Office Email	Office Phone	LA	Counties
Dan Dernulc	1	R 2022	s1@jga.in.gov	317-232-9414	Walter Aleksic	Lake
Lonnie Randolph	2	D 2008	s2@jga.in.gov	317-232-9532	Ben Dube	Lake
Eddie Melton	3	D 2016	s3@jga.in.gov	317-232-9467	Ethan Hudson	Lake
Rodney Pol Jr.	4	D 2022	s4@jga.in.gov	317-232-9404	Tyler Hempfling	LaPorte, Porter
Ed Charbonneau	5	R 2007	s5@jga.in.gov	317-232-9494	Evan Brumbaugh	Jasper, Porter, Pulaski, White
Rick Niemeyer	6	R 2014	s6@jga.in.gov	317-232-9489	Steven Bergsma	Benton, Jasper, Lake, Newton
Brian Buchanan	7	R 2018	s7@jga.in.gov	317-232-9441	Garrett Unger	Boone, Clinton, Hendricks, Montgomery
Milke Bohacek	8	R 2016	s8@jga.in.gov	317-232-9541	Connor Wong	LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall
Ryan Mishler	9	R 2004	s9@jga.in.gov	317-232-9814	Kyra Helming	Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall, St. Joseph
David Niezgodski	10	D 2016	s10@jga.in.gov	317-232-9491	Tracy Woolbright	St. Joseph
Linda Rogers	11	R 2018	s11@jga.in.gov	317-234-9443	Cassie Tripp	Elkhart, St. Joseph
Blake Doriot	12	R 2016	s12@jga.in.gov	317-232-9808	Evan Davis	Elkhart
Susan Glick	13	R 2010	s13@jga.in.gov	317-232-9493	Carolyn Travis	DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben
Tyler Johnson	14	R 2022	s14@jga.in.gov	317-232-9466	Claire Shea	Allen, DeKalb
Liz Brown	15	R 2014	s15@jga.in.gov	317-232-9497	Devon Anderson	Allen
Justin Busch	16	R 2018	s16@jga.in.gov	317-232-9488	David Boyer	Allen, Whitley
Andy Zay	17	R 2016	s17@jga.in.gov	317-234-9441	Garrett Unger	Grant, Huntington, Wabash
Stacey Donato	18	R 2019	s18@jga.in.gov	317-234-9054	Jim Johnson	Cass, Fulton, Howard, Kosciusko, Miami
Travis Holdman	19	R 2008	s19@jga.in.gov	317-232-9453	Debbie McCarty	Adams, Allen, Blackford, Jay, Wells
Scott Baldwin	20	R 2020	s20@jga.in.gov	317-232-9490	Camden Murrell	Hamilton
Jim Buck	21	R 2008	s21@jga.in.gov	317-232-9466	Claire Shea	Howard, Tipton
Ron Alting	22	R 1998	s22@jga.in.gov	317-234-9808	Evan Davis	Carroll, Tippeconoe
Spencer Deery	23	R 2022	s23@jga.in.gov	317-232-9517	Hector Ayala	Fountain, Montgomery, Parke, Tippeconoe, Vermillion, Warren
John Crane	24	R 2016	s24@jga.in.gov	317-233-0930	Luther Hall	Hendricks, Putnam
Mike Gaskill	25	R 2018	s26@jga.in.gov	317-234-9443	Cassie Tripp	Hamilton, Madison
Scott Alexander	26	R 2022	s25@jga.in.gov	317-232-9984	Kirsten Nielsen	Delaware, Randolph
Jeff Raatz	27	R 2014	s27@jga.in.gov	317-232-7204	Luther Hall	Franklin, Henry, Union, Wayne
Michael Crider	28	R 2012	s28@jga.in.gov	317-234-9054	Jim Johnson	Hancock, Marion, Shelby
J.D. Ford	29	D 2018	s29@jga.in.gov	317-232-9847	Josh Levesque	Boone, Hamilton, Marion
Fady Qaddoura	30	D 2020	s30@jga.in.gov	317-232-9404	Tyler Hempfling	Marion
Kyle Walker	31	R 2020	s31@jga.in.gov	317-232-9488	David Boyer	Hamilton, Marion
Aaron Freeman	32	R 2016	s32@jga.in.gov	317-232-9467	Camden Murrell	Johnson, Marion
Greg Taylor	33	D 2008	s33@jga.in.gov	317-232-9427	Adam Jones	Marion
Jean Breaux	34	D 2006	s34@jga.in.gov	317-232-9847	Josh Levesque	Marion
Michael Young	35	R 2000	s35@jga.in.gov	317-232-9571	Hector Ayala	Hendricks, Marion
Cyndi Carrasco	36	R 2023	s36@jga.in.gov	317-232-9840	TBD	Johnson, Marion

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Rodric Bray	37	R 2012	s37@iga.in.gov	317-232-9416	Kayla Caviness	Johnson, Morgan, Owen, Putnam
Greg Goode	38	R 2023	s38@iga.in.gov	317-232-9541	TBD	Clay, Sullivan, Vigo
Eric Bassler	39	R 2014	s39@iga.in.gov	317-234-9426	Kaitlyn Gomez	Daviess, Greene, Knox, Martin, Owen, Sullivan
Shelli Yoder	40	D 2020	s40@iga.in.gov	317-232-9534	Nathaniel Massy	Monroe
Greg Walker	41	R 2006	s41@iga.in.gov	317-232-9984	Kirsten Nielsen	Bartholomew, Johnson
Jean Leising	42	R 2008	s42@iga.in.gov	317-232-9493	Carolyn Travis	Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Jennings, Ripley, Rush, Shelby
Chip Perfect	43	R 2014	s43@iga.in.gov	317-232-9467	Steven Bergsma	Dearborn, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Scott, Switzerland
Eric Koch	44	R 2016	s44@iga.in.gov	317-234-9425	Alexa Walden	Brown, Jackson, Lawrence, Monroe, Orange
Chris Garten	45	R 2018	s45@iga.in.gov	317-232-9400	Emma Garelick	Clark, Floyd
Andrea Hunley	46	D 2022	s46@iga.in.gov	317-232-9491	Tracy Woolbright	Marion
Gary Byrne	47	R 2022	s47@iga.in.gov	317-232-9497	Devon Anderson	Floyd, Harrison, Washington
Mark Messmer	48	R 2014	s48@iga.in.gov	317-232-9533	Dawna Smith	Crawford, Dubois, Gibson, Perry, Pike, Spencer
Jim Tomes	49	R 2010	s49@iga.in.gov	317-232-9414	Walter Aleksic	Posey, Vanderburgh
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Tuesday, January 10, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 am

1. Welcome and IntroductionsBobby Hettmansperger
President Bobby Hettmansperger called the 80th meeting of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc., (IASWCD) to order at 9:05 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 66 delegates present and ready to vote, providing a quorum.

Bobby referred to the proposed meeting rules in the front of the 2023 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 2022 Annual Business MeetingBobby Hettmansperger
Bobby stated that the 2022 minutes were approved during the December 15, (16?) 2022 IASWCD Board Meeting in accordance to a bylaw amendment made in 2019.

4. Treasurer’s ReportSarah Delbecq
Sarah referred to the FY2022 statement in the Delegate Notebook. She further stated that 86 counties paid dues in 2022 and that IASWCD appreciates the continued support. Sarah mentioned that last year’s conference revenue was lower than the expenses because of lower registration due to Covid.

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 November of 2022 for this past fiscal year ending on September 30, 2022. 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. IASWCD brings in a lot of federal grant dollars and that is what makes us subject to those audits.

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

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

Sarah stated that the proposed budget for 2023 is printed in your delegate notebook and she moved for the adoption of the proposed 2023 budget as printed. Sarah noted that IASWCD has a bit of a surplus which will be managed properly.

Bobby asked for acceptance of the adoption of the proposed 2023 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. Vice President Jeff Baker read the first resolution and Bobby asked for discussion and called for a vote after the resolution was read.

1. Resolution Title: SICIM membership in Indiana Conservation Partnership

- Submitted by: Knox County SWCD
- Jeff read the resolution title
- Discussion from assembly
 - Ray Chattin described the scope, mission and accomplishments of SICIM
 - Majority voted in favor; 6 opposed
 - Resolution adopted

2. Resolution Title: Inclusion of the office of SWCD Supervisor on General Ballot

- Submitted by: Knox County SWCD
- Jeff read the resolution title
- Discussion from assembly
 - Ray Chattin described the resolution and how it will provide both a platform to raise public awareness about the mission and needs of districts as well as a duty by supervisors to protect the natural resources entrusted to their care. There is precedent for this from other states and they are performing well in the conservation arena.
 - Jennings County Brad Ponsler clarified this would be a non-partisan position similar to school boards.
 - Ken Gunkel, Dearborn County asked whether the constitution of Indiana would have to change to make this happen which at this point in time is unclear.
 - Majority opposed; 3 voted in favor
 - Resolution not adopted

3. Resolution Title: Closed Landfill Funding

- Submitted by: Jennings County SWCD
- Jeff read the resolution title
- Discussion from assembly
 - Matt Branham, Jennings County, stated that current IDEM regulations place a major financial burden on counties with closed landfills. He noted that the state of Indiana has a budget surplus and proposed establishing a fund to assist counties in maintaining water quality, controlling run off and addressing other issues caused by the landfills.

- John Newby with Delaware County provided clarification stating that the owner/operator of the landfill is responsible for maintenance for 30 years after the landfill closes, so these funds would only be utilized if landfill owners default on their responsibility.
- Marc Roberts, Montgomery County, asked for clarification about what role the IASWCD Board would play and what actions are being specifically requested of the board in terms of this resolution.
- Ray Chattin, Knox County, suggested amending the resolution to say: IASWCD leadership will take this issue to an ICP leaders meeting and bring forth this issue and add it to their lobbying efforts.
- Bobby Hettmansperger, Wabash County, asked if this will apply to private and public landfills. He noted that the resolution would need to be carefully worded because these are two different situations.
- Jeff Meinders, Ripley County, stressed the importance of being proactive and getting funding in place to take care of things after the 30 year limit of liability for the owner, making it a more feasible way to take care of them at that point; having inspections and monitoring in place would be helpful.
- Chris Matthys, St. Joseph County, asked what actions county officials in Jennings County have done already deal with this problem. He asked if we are certain it is a state-wide issue.
- Brad Ponsler, Jennings County, stated that the county is involved in the issue and that it places an undue burden on county finances.
- John Fielding, White County, noted that the resolution needs a modification in terms of what, specifically, it's asking this organization to do.
- Majority opposed; 20 voted in favor
- Resolution adopted

4. Resolution Title: Restructuring of Conservancy Groups

- Submitted by: Pike County SWCD
- Jeff read the resolution title
- Discussion from assembly

- Paul Lake, Pike County stated this resolution doesn't change the mission of the conservancy districts. He noted that conservancy districts have no requirement to have a land owner who resides in the district on the board of the conservancy district. He believes the general assembly should be approached about adding that requirement to conservancy board membership.
- Majority opposed; 15 in favor
- Resolution not adopted

No additional resolutions were brought forward from the floor.

8. Nominating Committee Report Bobby Hettmansperger
 A list of nominees was announced by Past President Roger Wenning.

Slate of Officers was as follows:

- **For President: Jeff Baker, Warrick County**
- **For Vice President: Marc Roberts, Montgomery County**
- **For Secretary: Sarah Delbecq, DeKalb County**
- **For Treasurer: Mark Kingma, Jasper County (not present)**

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:

Jeff Baker – Supervisor from Warrick County is excited about the opportunity to represent the districts and looks forward to continuing to work with the new Executive Director and the Board and to improve communication.

Marc Roberts – lives in Montgomery County and looks forward to working with Jeff and the rest of the Board. He is looking forward to bringing IRA dollars to conservation in Indiana.

Sarah Delbecq – stated that she is happy to continue to be a part of the IASWCD Board and serve as the delegates see fit. She hopes to bridge work being done across the state with individual districts and noted that the state association has a role to play with each district.

Roger Wenning on behalf of Mark Kingma – Mark is the NNW region director. He has a very strong conservation ethic and works well with the board. He is looking forward to serving in this capacity.

Troy Hattery & Stan Moore are the election tellers.

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.....Bobby Hettmansperger

Bobby Hettmansperger, President of the IASWCD Board, addressed the assembly regarding the following annual highlights:

- Very productive year; members were asked to be on committees from the Governor’s office.
- A lot of time and energy spent working with ISDA; new educational training program for the coming year; encouraged all present to share this information with fellow board members and encourage their participation.
- Thanked Joe Schmees for guiding us well, especially through Covid and noted that Joe is still involved in conservation with his new position.
- Announced Liz Rice as the new Executive Director for IASWCD. She has previous experience with the association.

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

Roger Wenning announced new Officers:

- **For President: Jeff Baker, Warrick County**
- **For Vice President: Marc Roberts, Montgomery County**
- **For Secretary: Sarah Delbecq, DeKalb County**
- **For Treasurer: Mark Kingma, Jasper County (not present)**

Bobby Hettmansperger confirmed list of 2023 IASWCD Executive Officers.

11. Other business.....Bobby Hettmansperger

- Bobby asked for any additional business from the assembly.
- John Kruse, XXXXX County, motion to destroy the ballots
- Vote was unanimous in favor of destroying ballots. None opposed.

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 2023 Executive Officers of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Mark Kingma, Treasurer, was not present.

13. Adjournment.....Bobby Hettmansperger

Bobby asked for any further business that needed to come before the assembly.

John Kruse asked what happens with old resolutions – are they followed up on? The board does do a review of them. They are brought before the Executive Director to look them over and are also discussed at the IASWCD board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

2024 IASWCD Board of Directors – Officer Candidates

Candidate for President:

Jeff Baker - Warrick County SWCD Supervisor



Jeffrey Baker was born and raised in Warrick County, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in Agriculture and has a M.S. in Financial Analysis from the College of Financial Planning. He is currently a financial planner and operates four tax practices with his three sons. He also operates 600 acres of corn, soybean, hay and pasture as well as livestock where he uses cover crops, no-till and has installed various conservation structures. Jeff has been a Warrick County District Supervisor for seven years, including two years as Chairman. He is active in his community school board, the Chandler United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge for over 40 years. Throughout the years, Jeff and his wife, Jane, have raised cattle, sheep, goats, but currently manage an 850 sow early wean hog operation. Jeff served as the IASWCD Board Treasurer for two years before serving as the Secretary, 2018-2019; Vice-President, 2021-2022; and President, 2023.

Candidate for Vice President:

Marc Roberts - Montgomery County SWCD Supervisor



Marc Roberts currently serves as a Supervisor on the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He grew up in Kosciusko County on a row crop and cattle operation that his dad and brother now operate. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue in Agronomic Business and Marketing and has completed the Indiana Ag Leadership Program (Class 17). He operates an agronomic consulting business that specializes in project work, sells Channel seed and farms with his father-in-law. There, they have installed grassed waterways, livestock heavy use area pads, converted to no-till and cover crops and completed a forestry management plan. Marc is a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) and attends Woodland Heights Christian Church. He has served on the IASWCD board as Treasurer, 2018-2019; Secretary, 2021-2022; and, Vice-President, 2023. He and his wife, Chelsea, have three daughters and one son.

Candidate for Secretary:

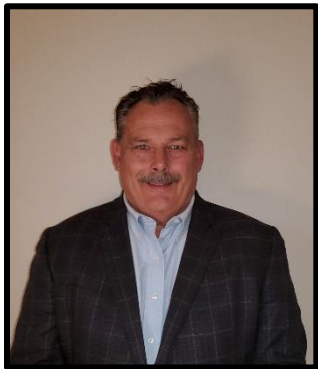
Sarah Delbecq - DeKalb County SWCD Supervisor



Sarah Delbecq lives in DeKalb County, where she and her husband, Benoit, operate her family's farm. She is part of the sixth generation and currently grows corn, soybeans, and wheat using no-till planting, cover crops, and nutrient management. She currently serves as Chairman for the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. She also holds board positions with the Indiana Corn Growers Association, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, Inc, DeKalb County Plan Commission, and Beacon Credit Union. She studied government and economics at Georgetown University, agricultural economics at Purdue University, and public policy at the University of Chicago. Sarah completed the Indiana Ag Leadership Program (Class 17). She served on the IASWCD Board as Treasurer for 2021 and 2022 and Secretary , 2023.

Candidate for Treasurer:

Mark Kingma - Jasper County SWCD Supervisor



Mark Kingma farms in northern Jasper County in the Kankakee River Basin. For the past 10 years he has been using cover crops and he has been no-tilling since the mid-1980s. He is the Soil and Water Conservation District Representative on the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission. Mark served in one of two agricultural seats on the 2019 Indiana Stormwater Task Force. He is a Farm Bureau member and has worked on various IFB committees. While serving as the North-Northwest IASWCD Region Director, Mark has assisted in virtual legislative calls, served on the Legislative Committee and participated in the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) virtual fly-in in March 2022. Mark served as IASWCD Board Treasurer, 2023.

IASWCD Resolution Process

Updated 2012

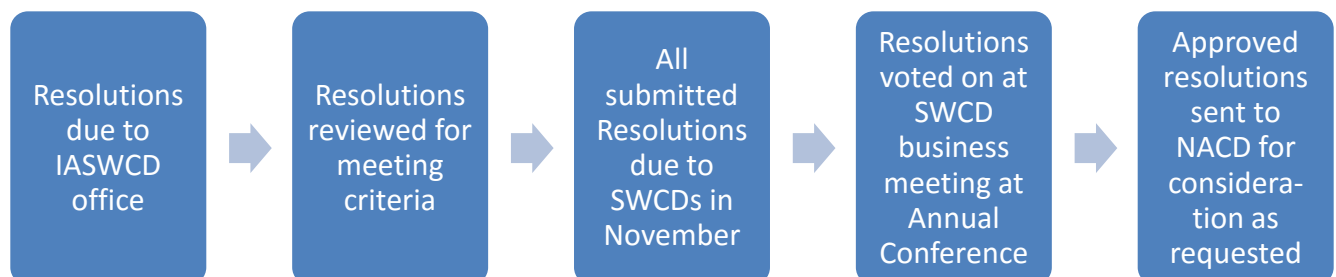
Resolutions may be submitted by any local soil and water district(s) (SWCD) or IASWCD committee. Resolutions will be reviewed to make sure they fit the required criteria below. These resolutions will be provided to all 92 local soil and water conservation districts. All resolutions will then be voted on at the Annual Business meeting.

All resolutions formally adopted will remain in effect for five years. Resolutions will sunset five years after adoption and thereafter no longer reflect IASWCD positions, unless otherwise reinstated by a new vote. Therefore, the resolution must again go through the process as stated above. The IASWCD will maintain a log of all resolution sunset dates and make this available to the SWCDs.

Required Criteria for any IASWCD Resolution:

- The resolution should have regional/state/or national significance.
- The resolution should address an issue that is timely and/or pressing concern to Indiana SWCDs
- The resolution should delineate desired outcomes/goals/timeline of action.
- The resolution should be in line with the goals, priorities and mission of the IASWCD.
- The resolution should be in line with the goals and priorities of IASWCD staff resources.

Resolution Flow Chart





INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF
soil and water conservation
DISTRICTS

No resolutions were submitted for review.

Ordinary Income	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
ANNUAL CONFERENCE			
Exhibitors	\$6,000.00	\$7,565.00	\$11,825.00
Sponsors	\$20,000.00	\$25,350.00	\$23,350.00
Registration	\$118,000.00	\$118,440.00	\$129,845.00
Advance Inc for Next Conference	\$10,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$5,250.00
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP	\$184,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$368,000.00
Reversion District Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	
AGREEMENTS			
NRCS Communications Agreement	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$28,896.00
NRCS Administrative Coord. Fee	\$30,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$47,781.25
NRCS Office & Website Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
INTEREST	\$500.00	\$146.00	\$500.00
PROJECT INCOME	\$7,000.00	\$19,600.00	\$13,699.00
River Friendly Farmer	\$6,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,330.00
Regional Meetings (Summer Summits)	\$500.00	\$6,100.00	\$2,369.00
Total Ordinary Income	\$ 414,000	\$ 427,301	\$ 645,545

*from Resilient Indiana Grant

Other Income/Expenses	2023 Expense	2023 Income	2023 Net	2023 Admin for IASWCD	2024 Admin for IASWCD
2019 PWQ, CA and Contracts	\$ 47,788	\$ 43,346	\$ (4,442)	\$ -	\$ -
TNC Lower Wabash Grant 2020	\$ 79,398	\$ 79,398	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -
CCSI NRCS CA 2020 Dir Agronomist	\$ 258,619	\$ 243,984	\$ (14,635)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
2020 Urban Ag Conservation CA	\$ 413,535	\$ 382,871	\$ (30,664)	\$ 10,500	\$ 13,781
2022 CCSI NRCS Program Managers Agronomist	\$ 224,085	\$ 220,852	\$ (3,233)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
2023 IRA TA Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Other Income/Expense Totals	\$ 1,023,425	\$ 970,451	\$ (52,974)	\$ 27,000	\$ 47,781

Admin Income (breakout)

Budget		Green highlights are new for FY24				
Ordinary Expenses	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Difference	Budget 2024	Comments	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE						
Conference	135,000	147,862	-12,862	155,255		
Meeting planner	25,000	25,000	0	21,000		
Advance Exp for Next Conference	4,300	5,000	-700	5,250		
BOARD						
Board of Directors	2,500	2,500	0	2,625	For special projects (e.g. strategic plan), meetings, reimbursements, etc.	
Executive Committee	750	0	750	750		
President Per Diem	1,000	0	1,000	1,000		
STANDING COMMITTEES						
Governance	0	0	0	0		
Finance	0	0	0	0		
Legislative	5,000	2,500	2,500	0	Line item moved to cell F54	
Natural Resources Policy	0	0	0	0		
NACD MEETINGS - BOARD TRAVEL						
Annual Convention	5,000	3,641	1,359	5,000	increased to \$3k for San Diego 2024, update 12/1 rec'd \$1k sponsorship from NACD!	
Summer Board Mtg	3,000	1,500	1,500	3,000		
Legislative Spring Visit	4,000	1,602	2,398	4,000	NACD Fly In to Washington DC	
North Central Region	650	1,413	-763	1,500	In Springfield, IL in 2024	
MEMBERSHIPS/DUES/SPONSORSHIPS						
IASWCD Match for Urban Ag Agreement	10,000	10,000	0	10,000		
Envirothon	3,000	552	2,448	3,000		
FFA	1,500	1,500	0	1,500		
4-H	1,700	1,500	200	1,500		
Woodland Steward Institute	1,500	1,500	0	1,500		
SICIM	0	0	0	0		
Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance	0	1,000	-1,000	1,000		
Other sponsorships	750	165	585	500	E.g. SWCS dues, IDEA dues	
NACD North Central dues	400	500	-100	500		
NACD national office	1,776	1,776	0	1,800		
INSURANCE						
SWCD Liability Insurance	29,700	31,767	-2,067	30,450	Updated to match bill received in Dec 2023	
IASWCD Bond	500	0	500	500		
D&O Insurance	2,088	2,121	-33	2,227		
Workmen's comp	1,000	746	254	1,000		
CONTRACT SERVICES						
Legal	1,000	400	600	1,000		
Legislative	15,115	15,115	0	60,000	combined contractor fees for GPS field (\$15k) and a contractor (\$45k). No grants cover this expense.	
Bookkeeping	7,000	7,447	-447	7,800		
Audit Services	12,500	9,500	3,000	15,000	Will need uniform guidance audit	
Tax Prep	1,300	1,430	-130	1,500		

IASWCD OFFICE					
Furniture & Equipment	2,350	3,700	-1,350	2,500	Mostly office copier/printer
Maintenance & Repair	450	425	25	450	
Postage	650	650	0	650	
Rent	8,800	8,800	0	9,240	
Supplies	1,900	2,400	-500	1,500	Includes computer, Emburse, Quickbooks, Square
Telephone/Internet/Cell	3,500	2,754	746	3,000	Spectrum is \$217/mo, Zoom is \$150/year
Miscellaneous	100	100	0	100	
Public Relations	750	3,471	-2,721	10,695	
Email marketing	Not listed in FY23 budget	495	495	495	Constant Contact
Website	Not listed in FY23 budget	276	276	2,200	Wired Impact - new website to meet modern needs
Legislative Materials		0	0	5,000	
Design Subscriptions (e.g. Canva, Adobe)	Not listed in FY23 budget	700	700	1,000	Canva, Adobe, etc.
Printing	Not listed in FY23 budget	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Project Expenses	7,000	12,800	-5,800	13,369	
River Friendly Farmer	6,500	10,500	-4,000	11,000	
Regional Trainings	500	2,300	-1,800	2,369	
DEVELOPMENT / CONFERENCES					
NACD Annual Conv.	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	
NACD Legislative Visits/Summer Mtg	0	1,000	-1,000	1,000	
NACD ED Conf.	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
Other reg fees	1,000	200	800	1,000	E.g. IDEA conference, SWCS, NNNT, other
EMPLOYEE SALARIES					
Executive Director	75,246	64,717	10,529	77,575	
Director of Member Programs and Communications	52,583	52,583	0	67,000	IASWCD receives \$29k from NRCS for comms in FY24 - Assn pays on top of NRCS contribution to achieve salary goal
Grants & Finance Manager	0		0	51,500	IASWCD receives \$47k from NRCS for grants admin in FY24 - Assn pays on top of NRCS contrib to achieve salary goal and avoid audit issues
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Medical	10,000	7,000	3,000	13,200	Savings due to lack of CO, insufficient claims from staff- should be remedied in FY24
Retirement	6,300	3,710	2,590	9,804	Savings due to lack of CO, insufficient claims from staff- should be remedied in FY24
Cell phone reimbursement for staff	420	1,000	-580	3,240	Cell required for staff
EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	3,000	4,500	-1,500	8,000	Increase to accommodate more time visiting Districts.
EMPLOYEE TAXES					
Unemployment taxes	800	1,300	-500	860	
Payroll Expenses	15,000	15,000	0	16,200	
GRANT CONTRIBUTIONS	Not listed in FY23 budget	\$ 52,974	\$ 52,974	0	CCSI, USH, Resilient Indiana, PWQ fully funded for FY24!
Total Ordinary Expenses	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Difference	Budget 2024	
	471,377	517,121	-45,743	635,540	Refer to Income sheet for info on grants or email elizabeth-rice@iaswcd.org
Anticipated Income:	645,545				
Budget vs. Income Difference	10,068				

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, INC.**

BYLAWS

As amended on January 14, 2009

Section 1: Name

The name of this association shall be the INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, INC. The official abbreviation of its name shall be IASWCD.

Section 2: Activities

To carry out the activities of the association, it will conduct educational, scientific, charitable, and/or other work concerning the conservation maintenance, improvement, development, and use of land, soil, water, trees, vegetation, fish and wildlife, open space, and other renewable natural resources.

Section 3: Purposes

The purpose of this association shall be confined to: (1) the exchange of information relating to the administration and operation of soil and water conservation districts, (2) promoting cooperation between such districts, (3) cooperating with the State Soil Conservation Board, (4) promoting the interests and activities of other organizations and agencies in soil and water conservation, (5) developing, supporting, and carrying out programs and educational activities to control soil erosion and conserve soil and water resources.

Section 4: The Voting Members

Every soil and water conservation district in the State of Indiana shall be deemed to be a member of this association. Each district shall be entitled to one vote on every question put to a vote at any association meeting, providing that dues are not delinquent (an exception maybe granted subject to an Executive Committee decision or recommendation and Board approval). The vote of the district will be cast by the delegate or the alternate. One delegate and an alternate shall be selected by each district before the date of any association meeting and their names shall be sent to the secretary of the association ten days prior to the meeting. All such delegates and alternates shall be officially elected and/or appointed supervisors or associate supervisors (Jan.14, 2009 Business meeting minutes). The delegate and alternate shall be seated at any association meeting.

Section 5: Membership Dues

Each district will pay to the association as annual dues, an amount to be determined annually by the board of directors. The board of directors shall be guided in determining the amount of the annual dues through the development of a budget. The dues to the Association are to be paid annually no later than the end of the fiscal year. The IASWCD fiscal year is October 1 thru September 30.

Section 6: Affiliate Members

Affiliate members shall be those persons, firms, associations or corporations that contribute a said amount, to be determined by the IASWCD Board of Directors. Affiliate members are permitted to attend Association board meetings and will be eligible to receive IASWCD publications and information. Affiliate members will be non-voting members of the IASWCD.

Section 7: Region Organizations

The district supervisors in each Region will elect a director prior to the Association’s annual business meeting to represent the region on the IASWCD Board of Directors.

Each region shall elect an Alternate Director. The Region Director shall conduct regional meetings as needed. The Alternate Director will serve as an alternate to the IASWCD Board of Directors. The Region Director and Alternate Director may be an associate supervisor, provided that person shall have, at some time, served as either an elected or appointed supervisor (Jan 2002 Business Meeting minutes).

Each region may be governed by its own bylaws. Region bylaws shall pertain to those subjects affecting the region and shall be in harmony with the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc., and its bylaws. Region geographies will be reviewed by the Board and brought before the delegate body.

Section 8: Board of Directors; Terms of Office and Qualification

The IASWCD Board of Directors shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, eight Regional Directors, Past President, IDEA Representative, and the Auxiliary Representative, and Executive Director. The Executive Director, IDEA Representative, and the Auxiliary Representative will be considered ex officio members with no voting privileges.

The IASWCD Executive Committee shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the executive director (non-voting). The Duties and authorities of the Executive Committee include the following: Acting for the full Board in between meetings in the case of an emergency; coordinating the full Board’s review of the executive director’s performance and compensation; serving as a sounding board/liaison for the executive director; and overseeing that the Board is functioning in accordance with the mission, goals, and priorities of the IASWCD. Any member of the executive committee can call a meeting of the executive committee.

A majority, seven voting members, of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the IASWCD Board.

Section 9: Powers and Duties of the Board

The board of directors shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. The board of directors shall determine the policies and procedures of the association, and shall formulate, and keep correct, a written plan of action or program for the association, all of which shall be consistent with the purposes stated in the articles of incorporation.

- B. The board of directors shall make provision for the annual meeting of the members of the association and such meetings of the board of directors as it may deem advisable, and shall facilitate regional meetings, or other special meetings of association members.
- C. The board of directors shall keep the members of the association currently informed of the association's affairs and activities, and of the programs, accomplishments, and problems of the districts of the State of Indiana.
- D. The board of directors shall recommend the annual budget to the association's delegate body, fix the rate of compensation of employees, authorize the payment of necessary expenses, determine matters relating to any publications of the association, and arrange for an annual audit of the association's financial affairs by a qualified, disinterested person or firm.
- E. The board of directors may delegate functions and duties to the president or other officers of the association subject to such conditions as it deems proper.
- F. The NACD Board member to represent IASWCD at the NACD Board of Directors meetings shall be selected by the board of directors each year and must be a current supervisor. An alternative representative must also be appointed by the board of directors and must be a current member of the IASWCD board of directors.

Section 10: The Officers; Terms of Office

The state officers of the IASWCD shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These shall be elected offices. The officers must be appointed or elected SWCD supervisors, or Associate Supervisors who have supervisor experience and are actively engaged at the District level (Jan 2007 Business Meeting).

Terms of the IASWCD Officers shall be one year terms. The officers can only succeed themselves one time. One or more nominees shall be submitted by the Governance Committee for the office of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. The list of nominees shall be mailed to each District at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member of the delegate body provided the person so nominated has agreed to serve if elected. A ballot will be prepared for each office and the election shall be conducted one office at a time starting with the office of president.

The decision to hire an executive director shall be at the discretion of the IASWCD Board of Directors. The executive director need not be a member of the board of directors to perform the assigned functions. The executive director shall be accountable to the board of directors, as defined in the job description.

Section 11: Powers and Duties of Officers

- A. The president shall have the following duties:
 - Preside at Board of Directors meetings, executive committee meetings, the IASWCD Annual Business Meeting, and special meetings as called
 - Serve as the chief executive of the IASWCD
 - Delegate presidential responsibilities to others as appropriate
 - Represent the IASWCD to affiliated organizations
 - Keep IASWCD officers, Board of Directors, members and affiliated organizations informed of IASWCD affairs
 - Appoint chairpersons of committees and assist chairpersons in soliciting committee members as needed or as defined by committee structure
 - Coordinate annual review of Executive Director.
 - Perform other duties as assigned by Board of Directors

- B. The vice president shall have the following duties:
- Serve as chairperson of resolutions committee
 - Serve in the absence of the president
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the president or board of directors
- C. The secretary shall perform the following duties:
- Conduct official roll call of delegates at IASWCD Annual Business Meeting
 - Responsible for all meeting minutes and correspondence of IASWCD
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the president or board of directors
- D. The treasurer shall perform the following duties:
- Responsible for all financial transactions/investments of the IASWCD, to be based upon policy of Board of Directors
 - Establish proper accounting procedures for the handling of IASWCD funds
 - Submit financial report at the IASWCD Annual Business Meeting, and all IASWCD board meetings
 - Furnish to the IASWCD a bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the treasurer's duties; in such form and amount as the board shall prescribe, and the premium for the bond shall be paid out of funds of the Association
 - Perform other duties as assigned by the president and board of directors
- E. In the event of a vacant office, the board of directors may declare the office vacant and temporarily appoint a successor, until the next IASWCD Annual Business Meeting. The officers of the IASWCD shall assist all committees in the performance of their responsibilities.

Section 12: Meetings

- A. The IASWCD shall conduct an annual meeting unless changed by the board of directors. Notice of such change shall be sent to each district prior to the meeting.

The IASWCD annual meeting shall be held for the purposes of improving soil and water conservation programs in the districts and transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the IASWCD board of directors at any time.

- B. The board of directors shall meet during the IASWCD annual meeting, and shall hold such additional meetings as may be called from time to time by the president as needed. With the exception of emergencies, the president may call meetings as needed with ten days notice to the directors.
- C. The presence of one-third of the voting delegates from the member districts shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members of IASWCD.
- D. Two consecutive absences of a region representative (Director or Alternate) at IASWCD Board of Directors meetings could initiate Board action.
- E. The minutes of the annual business meeting shall be approved at the next regular IASWCD Board of Directors meeting.

Section 13: Committees

The Board of Directors may form committees and other work groups (ad-hoc or advisory) as needed. Only the Board of Directors has the authority to create committees or work groups.

Section 14: Publications

At such time as the board of directors may make provision for the publication of a newsletter, magazine, or other publications by the association, the board of directors shall hire or appoint an editor, and provide for the employment of other necessary personnel, within the approved association budget.

Section 15: Resolutions

Resolutions for the purpose of establishing association position or policy concerning soil and water conservation may be presented for action at the annual meeting of the association. Soil and water conservation districts, regional associations, of SWCDs and IASWCD standing committees may submit resolutions. All resolutions must be received at the IASWCD state office by August 1. The vice president of the association shall convene a resolutions committee consisting of a representative of each of the association's standing committees for the purpose of screening and editing submitted resolutions. The resolutions must be returned to the SWCDs by November 1. The report of the resolutions committee will be part of the business agenda at the IASWCD annual meeting. Additional resolutions may be considered at the business meeting upon a motion approved by a three-fourths majority of the delegates present and voting. Additional resolutions need to be presented at the briefing session by a supervisor to be considered by the delegate body.

Section 16: Rules of Order

Meetings of the board of directors and of the association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order unless inconsistent with any policy or special rule adopted by the association or the board of directors.

Section 17: Amendments

The by-laws may be amended, added to or repealed by a 2/3 vote of the quorum of eligible voting delegates present at the IASWCD annual meeting.

IC 14-32

ARTICLE 32. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

IC 14-32-1

Chapter 1. Legislative Policy

IC 14-32-1-1

Conservation declarations

Sec. 1. The following are declared as a matter of legislative determination:

- (1) That the land and water resources of Indiana are among the basic assets of Indiana and that the proper management of these resources is necessary to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Indiana.
- (2) That improper land use practices and failure to control and use rainfall and runoff water cause and contribute to deterioration and waste of these resources of Indiana.
- (3) That the breaking of natural grass, plant, and forest cover has interfered with the natural factors of soil stabilization, causing loosening of soil and exhaustion of humus and developing a soil condition that favors excessive runoff and erosion, with the following results:
 - (A) The topsoil is being blown and washed out of the fields and pastures.
 - (B) There has been an accelerated washing of sloping fields.
 - (C) These processes of erosion by wind and water speed up with removal of the topsoil, exposing the less absorptive, less protective, less productive, and more erosive subsoil.
- (4) That valuable water resources are being lost causing damages in watersheds.
- (5) That failure by a land occupier to properly manage the soil and water causes a washing and blowing of these resources onto other land and makes the conservation of these resources on the other land more difficult.
- (6) That the consequences of soil erosion and failure to control and use rainfall and runoff water are the following:
 - (A) The silting and sedimentation of stream channels, reservoirs, dams, ditches, and harbors.
 - (B) The loss of fertile soil material.
 - (C) The piling up of soil on lower slopes and the deposit over alluvial plains.
 - (D) The reduction in productivity or outright ruin of bottom land by flooding and overwash of poor subsoil material, sand, and gravel swept out of the hills.
 - (E) The deterioration of soil and the soil's fertility, deterioration of crops grown, and reduction in crop yields.
 - (F) The loss of soil and water that causes destruction of food and cover for wildlife.

- (G) A blowing and washing of soil into streams and lakes that silts over spawning beds and destroys water plants, diminishing the food supply of fish.
 - (H) A diminishing of the underground water reserve and loss of surplus rainfall runoff causing water shortages, intensifying periods of drought, and causing crop failures.
 - (I) An increase in the speed and volume of rainfall runoff, causing severe and increasing floods.
 - (J) Economic hardship for those attempting to farm land that is eroded or subject to frequent flooding.
 - (K) Damage to roads, highways, railways, farm buildings, and other property from floods and from dust storms.
 - (L) Losses in navigation, hydroelectric power, municipal water supply, recreational water development, irrigation developments, farming, and grazing.
- (7) That to conserve soil and water resources, control and prevent soil erosion, protect water quality, reduce flood damage, and further the conservation development, use, and disposal of water, it is necessary that:
- (A) land use practices contributing to soil and water wastage, water quality impairment, and soil erosion be discouraged and discontinued; and
 - (B) appropriate soil and water conserving land use practices and works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation development, use, and disposal of water be adopted and carried out.
- (8) That among the procedures necessary for widespread adoption are the following:
- (A) Carrying on of engineering operations such as the construction of flood preventing reservoirs and channels, terraces, terrace outlets, check dams, dikes, ponds, ditches, and similar operations.
 - (B) The use of soil protecting agronomic practices, such as strip cropping, contour cropping, and conservation tillage.
 - (C) Land irrigation.
 - (D) Seeding and planting of sloping, abandoned, or eroded land to water-conserving and erosion-preventing plants, trees, and grasses.
 - (E) Forestation and reforestation.
 - (F) Rotation of crops.
 - (G) Soil stabilization with trees, grasses, legumes, and other thick-growing, soil-holding crops.
 - (H) Retardation of runoff by impounding the runoff water behind structures, by increasing the absorption of rainfall, and by retiring from cultivation all steep, highly erosive areas and areas already badly eroded.
 - (I) The use of water quality protection practices, including nutrient and pesticide management on all lands.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.7; P.L.175-2006, SEC.2.

IC 14-32-1-2

Conservation policies

Sec. 2. In light of the determination set forth in section 1 of this chapter, it is the policy of the general assembly to provide for the proper management of soil and water resources, the control and prevention of soil erosion, the prevention of flood water and sediment damage, the prevention of water quality impairment, and the conservation, development, use, and disposal of water in the watersheds of Indiana to accomplish the following:

- (1) Conserve the natural resources, including wildlife.
- (2) Control floods.
- (3) Prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs.
- (4) Assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors.
- (5) Protect the water quality of lakes and streams.
- (6) Protect the tax base.
- (7) Protect public land.
- (8) Protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Indiana.
- (9) Protect a high quality water resource.
- (10) Protect and improve soil quality.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.8; P.L.175-2006, SEC.3; P.L.129-2011, SEC.1.

IC 14-32-2

Chapter 2. Soil Conservation Board

IC 14-32-2-1

Establishment

Sec. 1. The soil conservation board is established within the Indiana state department of agriculture established by IC 15-11-2-1 as the policy making body for soil and water conservation.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.218; P.L.175-2006, SEC.4; P.L.2-2008, SEC.33; P.L.120-2008, SEC.11.

IC 14-32-2-2

Members

Sec. 2. The board consists of the following seven (7) members:

(1) Four (4) members who must be land occupiers with farming interests, appointed by the governor.

(2) Three (3) members who must be land occupiers with nonfarming interests, appointed by the governor.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.9; P.L.1-2006, SEC.219; P.L.175-2006, SEC.5.

IC 14-32-2-3

Qualifications of members

Sec. 3. (a) A majority of the seven (7) appointed members of the board must have experience as district supervisors.

(b) In making appointments to the board, the governor may invite and consider the recommendations of the following:

(1) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.

(2) The Indiana state department of agriculture.

(3) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

(c) All appointments to the board shall be made without regard to political affiliation.

(d) The members appointed to the board under section 2(1) and 2(2) of this chapter must be residents of at least four (4) different geographic regions of Indiana.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.10; P.L.1-2006, SEC.220; P.L.175-2006, SEC.6; P.L.120-2008, SEC.12.

IC 14-32-2-4

Term for members

Sec. 4. The term of an appointed member of the board is four (4) years. An appointed member shall serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. The terms shall be staggered so that at least three (3) members are appointed every two (2) years.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.11; P.L.175-2006, SEC.7.

IC 14-32-2-5**Travel expenses and per diem salary**

Sec. 5. The appointed members of the board are entitled to the following:

- (1) Reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.
- (2) The minimum salary per diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) for each day that the members are engaged in the official business of the board.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-2-6**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-2-7**Appointment of advisory members**

Sec. 7. (a) The governor may appoint advisory members from other organizations that promote conservation, including local, state, and federal agencies upon the recommendation of the board.

(b) The governor shall appoint members to the advisory board that represent the following:

- (1) The Indiana state department of agriculture.
- (2) The department of natural resources.
- (3) The department of environmental management.
- (4) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.
- (5) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- (6) The Farm Service Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (7) The Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.175-2006, SEC.8; P.L.120-2008, SEC.13.

IC 14-32-2-8**Election of chairman of the board**

Sec. 8. (a) The members of the board shall elect a member as the chairman of the board.

(b) The director of the division of soil conservation established within the Indiana state department of agriculture by IC 15-11-4-1 is the secretary of the board.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.12; P.L.1-2006, SEC.221; P.L.2-2008, SEC.34; P.L.120-2008, SEC.14.

IC 14-32-2-9

Quorum

Sec. 9. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum. The concurrence of a majority of the members is required for the board to take any action.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-2-10

Delegation of powers and duties

Sec. 10. The board may delegate the powers and duties that the board considers proper to:

- (1) the chairman of the board;
- (2) any of the members of the board; or
- (3) the division of soil conservation.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-2-11

Attorney general providing legal services

Sec. 11. (a) The board may call upon the attorney general for the legal services that the board requires.

(b) For the purpose of carrying out any of the board's functions, the supervising officers of a state agency or of a state educational institution shall, upon request of the board, do the following:

- (1) Assign or detail to the board any personnel of the agency or educational institution, taking into account available appropriations and the needs of the entity to which the request is directed.
- (2) Make the special reports, surveys, or studies that the board requests.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.13.

IC 14-32-2-12

Duties of board

Sec. 12. The board shall do the following:

- (1) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all board employees and officers who are entrusted with money or property.
- (2) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all board proceedings and of all resolutions and rules the board issues or adopts. The accounts of receipts and disbursements are subject to examination by the state board of accounts.
- (3) Offer appropriate assistance to the supervisors of soil and water conservation districts to carry out district powers and programs.
- (4) Keep the supervisors of districts informed of the activities and experience of all other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience among districts.

(5) Coordinate the programs of the districts as far as this may be done by advice and consultation.

(6) Secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and state agencies in the work of the districts. However, this subdivision does not authorize either of the following:

(A) The transfer or control of authority over districts to a federal agency.

(B) The transfer of title of land or control to the United States.

(7) Disseminate information throughout Indiana concerning the activities and programs of the districts and encourage the formation of districts in areas where organization is desirable.

(8) Coordinate the erosion and sediment part of 33 U.S.C. 1288 (Public Law 92-500, Section 208) and other erosion and sediment reduction programs that affect water quality, in cooperation with state and federal agencies and through districts as provided under IC 14-32-5-1.

(9) Develop a statewide regulatory program to be initiated after all reasonable voluntary approaches to erosion and sediment reduction have been exhausted.

(10) Conduct an inventory of conservation needs for planning purposes and to inform the general assembly.

(11) Hold meetings in locations throughout Indiana.

(12) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.14; P.L.175-2006, SEC.9.

IC 14-32-2-13

Public hearings

Sec. 13. The board may perform the acts and hold the public hearings that are necessary for the execution of the board's functions under this article.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-4

Chapter 4. Supervisors

IC 14-32-4-1

Number and qualifications

Sec. 1. (a) The governing body of a district consists of five (5) supervisors as follows:

- (1) Two (2) who are appointed.
 - (2) Three (3) who are elected.
- (b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:
- (1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is located within the district;
 - (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and
 - (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.
- (c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, an individual:
- (1) must be of voting age;
 - (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and
 - (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.15; P.L.175-2006, SEC.10; P.L.129-2011, SEC.2.

IC 14-32-4-2

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-4-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-4-4

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-4-5

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-4-6

Annual meeting; agenda

Sec. 6. (a) During the first quarter of each calendar year, each district shall hold an annual meeting of all land occupiers in the district. The meeting shall be held on a date designated by the supervisors. The supervisors shall give due notice of the time and place of the meeting.

(b) At the meeting:

- (1) the supervisors shall make a full and an accurate report of the activities and financial affairs of the district since the previous annual meeting; and
- (2) an election shall be conducted by the land occupiers present to elect one (1) supervisor to a three (3) year term of office beginning on the date of the meeting.

(c) The supervisors shall provide a copy of the annual report presented at the meeting to the board and, upon request, to:

- (1) other cooperating agencies;
- (2) residents of the district; and
- (3) any other individual or entity that requests a copy of the annual report.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.16; P.L.129-2011, SEC.3.

IC 14-32-4-7

Election committee; composition and annual meeting

Sec. 7. (a) The election held at the annual meeting of land occupiers shall be conducted by an election committee appointed under this section.

(b) In October, the district chairman shall do the following:

- (1) Appoint an election committee made up of a supervisor as chairman and two (2) interested citizens.
- (2) Submit the names of the committee members to the board by November 1.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.17.

IC 14-32-4-8

Election committee duties

Sec. 8. The election committee appointed under section 7 of this chapter shall do the following:

- (1) Select qualified individuals as prospective nominees to fill any vacancies that exist among the elected supervisors of the district.
- (2) Contact and ascertain the willingness and ability of each individual to serve if elected.
- (3) Submit the list of nominees with the qualifications for certification and printing of a sample ballot to the board by December 1.
- (4) Place the names of the prospective nominees selected under subdivisions (1) and (2) in nomination at the meeting and provide an opportunity for additional nominations to be made from the floor.
- (5) After nominations are closed:
 - (A) if only one (1) candidate is nominated, allow for the election of the sole candidate by the land occupiers by a

show of hands; and

(B) if more than one (1) candidate is nominated, distribute a ballot to each land occupier present at the meeting.

(6) If a ballot is distributed, collect and count the ballots after each land occupier present at the meeting has had an opportunity to vote.

(7) Report the results of the election to the chairman.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.18; P.L.175-2006, SEC.11; P.L.129-2011, SEC.4.

IC 14-32-4-9

Election results

Sec. 9. (a) If a tie vote occurs in an election held at an annual meeting under this chapter, voting shall continue until the tie is broken.

(b) The individual receiving the highest number of votes is elected a supervisor for the three (3) year term. If there is also a vacancy to fill an unexpired term of an elected supervisor, the individual receiving the second highest number of votes is elected to fill the unexpired term.

(c) The chairman shall announce the individuals who have been elected and report the election results to the board.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.19.

IC 14-32-4-10

Appointed supervisor; term; filling position upon expiration of term

Sec. 10. (a) The term of an appointed supervisor is three (3) years.

(b) Before the term of an appointed supervisor expires, the supervisor's position shall be filled as follows:

(1) Not later than November 1, the district supervisors shall recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position.

(2) At the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation.

(3) The board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.20.

IC 14-32-4-10.5

Appointment of associate supervisors

Sec. 10.5. (a) The board may appoint associate supervisors to assist in performing duties in each district.

(b) Associate supervisors are nonvoting members of the board and may not hold officer positions on the board.

(c) Associate supervisors may be reimbursed for approved expenses but are not entitled to per diem.

As added by P.L.175-2006, SEC.12.

IC 14-32-4-11

Oath of office

Sec. 11. Newly elected and appointed supervisors shall assume the duties of office upon signing an oath of office at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the district.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.21.

IC 14-32-4-12

Successor to supervisor

Sec. 12. A supervisor holds office until the supervisor's successor has been elected or appointed and qualified.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-13

Elected supervisor; vacancy

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and
- (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.22.

IC 14-32-4-13.5

Appointed supervisor; vacancy

Sec. 13.5. (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a

recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and

(3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

(c) At the expiration of the term of a supervisor appointed under this section, the position of appointed supervisor shall be filled through the regular appointment procedure set forth in section 10 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.23.

IC 14-32-4-14

Chairman

Sec. 14. The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may change the designation.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-15

Removal of supervisor

Sec. 15. The board may, upon notice and a hearing, remove a supervisor for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-16

Quorum

Sec. 16. A majority of the supervisors constitutes a quorum and the concurrence of a majority of the supervisors is required for the determination of any matter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-17

Travel expenses and per diem salary

Sec. 17. (a) A supervisor may be paid a salary per diem for any part of a day that the supervisor is engaged in the official business of the district in any amount not to exceed the salary per diem that may be paid by the state under IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

(b) A supervisor may also receive for travel, lodging, meals, and other expenses any amount not to exceed the amount a county employee of the county in which the supervisor resides is entitled to receive under the policies and procedures established by the county.

(c) All amounts under this section shall be fixed by the supervisors of each district and paid from money of the district.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-18

Personnel

Sec. 18. (a) The supervisors of a district:

(1) may employ necessary personnel, subject to IC 36-2-5-3 and IC 36-2-5-7; and

(2) shall:

(A) determine the qualifications and duties of the personnel; and

(B) provide supervision to personnel.

(b) In any district except a district containing a consolidated city, an employee of the district:

(1) is considered to be an employee of the county in which the employee works, except as provided in subsection (c); and

(2) is eligible for and shall be included in all fringe benefit programs provided for employees of the county.

(c) An employee of a district whose position is funded entirely from sources outside the county in which the employee works solely on the basis of the funding of the employee's position is not considered an employee of the county.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.24; P.L.129-2011, SEC.5.

IC 14-32-4-19

Legal counsel

Sec. 19. (a) The supervisors and employees of a district are subject to IC 34-13-3.

(b) The supervisors of a district may employ their own counsel and legal staff.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.25; P.L.1-1998, SEC.111.

IC 14-32-4-20

Delegation of powers and duties

Sec. 20. The supervisors may delegate the powers and duties that the supervisors consider proper to any of the following:

(1) The chairman.

(2) Any number of supervisors.

(3) Any number of agents or employees.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-21

Information concerning supervisors' activities

Sec. 21. The supervisors of a district shall furnish to the board, upon request, copies of rules, contracts, forms, and other information concerning the activities of the supervisors that the board requires in the performance of duties under this article.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.26.

IC 14-32-4-22**Duties of supervisors**

Sec. 22. The supervisors of a district shall do the following:

- (1) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all district employees and officers who are entrusted with money or property.
- (2) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all district proceedings and of all district resolutions and orders issued or adopted.
- (3) Provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the district.
- (4) Provide a copy of each annual financial statement of the district to the board not later than March 31.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.27; P.L.175-2006, SEC.13.

IC 14-32-4-23**Municipality or county designating representative**

Sec. 23. The supervisors may invite the legislative body of a municipality or county located near the territory comprised within the district to designate a representative to advise and consult with the supervisors on all questions of program and policy that affect the property, water supply, or other interests of the municipality or county.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-4-24**Approval of claims**

Sec. 24. (a) Claims against a district must be allowed and approved by the governing body of the district before payment by the district's fiscal officer. However, the governing body may, subject to review and approval at the governing body's next regular meeting, authorize the following:

- (1) Payroll.
- (2) Insurance premiums.
- (3) Utility payments.
- (4) Bulk mailing fees.
- (5) Maintenance agreements and service agreements.
- (6) Lease agreements and rental agreements.
- (7) Expenses that must be paid because of emergency circumstances.
- (8) Recurring or periodic expenses specifically authorized by a resolution adopted at a governing body meeting.

(b) Each payment under this section must be certified by the district's fiscal officer. The certification must be on a form prescribed by the state board of accounts.

As added by P.L.52-2010, SEC.1.

IC 14-32-5

Chapter 5. Powers and Duties of Districts

IC 14-32-5-1

General powers

Sec. 1. (a) A district constitutes a governmental subdivision of the state and a public body corporate and politic exercising public powers.

(b) A district may do the following:

(1) Carry out soil erosion and water runoff preventive and control measures within the district, including engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, changes in use of land, and the measures listed in IC 14-32-1-1(7) and IC 14-32-1-1(8), on the following:

(A) Land owned or controlled by the state with the consent and cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction of the land.

(B) Any other land within the district upon obtaining the consent of the occupier of the land or the necessary rights or interests in the land.

(2) Construct, improve, operate, and maintain the structures that are necessary or convenient for the performance of any of the operations authorized in this article.

(3) Cooperate or enter into agreements with, and within the limits of appropriations made available to the district by law to furnish financial or other aid to, a federal, state, or other agency or an occupier of land within the district in the carrying on of conservation operations within the district, subject to the conditions that the supervisors consider necessary to advance the purpose of this article.

(4) Obtain options upon and acquire, by purchase, exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, real or personal property or rights or interests in property.

(5) Maintain, administer, and improve property acquired, receive income from the property, and expend the income in carrying out this article.

(6) Sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of property or interests in property in furtherance of this article.

(7) Make available to land occupiers within the district, on terms that the district prescribes:

(A) agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment;

(B) fertilizer;

(C) seeds;

(D) seedlings;

(E) other material or equipment; and

(F) services from the district;

that will assist in conserving the soil and water resources of the land occupiers.

- (8) Develop or participate in the development of comprehensive plans for the proper management of soil and water resources within the district that specify the acts, procedures, performances, and avoidances necessary or desirable for the effectuation of the plans.
- (9) Publish plans and information developed under subdivision (8) and bring the plans and information to the attention of land occupiers within the district.
- (10) Take over, with the consent of the United States or the state, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and administer any soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection, or flood prevention project of the entity located within the district's boundaries.
- (11) Manage, as agent of the United States or the state, any soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection, flood prevention, or outdoor recreation project within the district's boundaries.
- (12) Act as agent for the United States or the state in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation, or administration of any soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection, flood prevention, or outdoor recreation project within the district's boundaries.
- (13) Accept donations, gifts, and contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise from the United States and use or expend the services, materials, or other contributions in carrying on the district's operations.
- (14) Sue and be sued in the name of the district.
- (15) Have perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in this article.
- (16) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of the district's powers.
- (17) Adopt rules and regulations consistent with this article to carry into effect the purposes and powers of this article.
- (18) Require an occupier of land not owned or controlled by the state, as a condition to extending benefits under this article to or the performance of work upon the land, to do either or both of the following:
 - (A) Make contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise to an operation conferring benefits.
 - (B) Enter into agreements or covenants concerning the use and treatment of the land that will tend to:
 - (i) prevent or control soil erosion;
 - (ii) achieve water conservation and water quality protection; and
 - (iii) reduce flooding;on the land.
- (19) Cooperate with the state in the following:
 - (A) Conducting surveys, investigations, and research relating

to the character of soil erosion and water losses and the preventive and control measures needed.

(B) Publishing the results of the surveys, investigations, or research.

(C) Disseminating information concerning the preventive and control measures.

(D) The management of watersheds.

(20) Cooperate with the state in conducting, within the district, soil and water conservation, erosion control, water quality protection, and flood prevention demonstration projects:

(A) on land owned or controlled by the state with the agency administering and having jurisdiction of the land; and

(B) on any other land upon obtaining the consent of the occupier of the land or the necessary rights or interests in the land.

(21) Serve as the management agency for:

(A) the erosion and sediment part of 33 U.S.C. 1288 (P.L. 92-500, section 208); and

(B) other erosion and sediment reduction programs that affect water quality in each county.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.28; P.L.175-2006, SEC.14.

IC 14-32-5-2

Inapplicable provisions

Sec. 2. A provision concerning the acquisition, operation, or disposition of property by other public bodies does not apply to a district unless the provision specifically states that the provision applies.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-5-3

Bids, proposals, or quotations submitted by a trust

Sec. 3. If:

(1) a district disposes of real property or awards a contract for the procurement of property by acceptance of bids, proposals, or quotations; and

(2) a bid, proposal, or quotation is submitted by a trust (as defined in IC 30-4-1-1(a));

the bid, proposal, or quotation submitted by the trust must identify each beneficiary of the trust and each settlor empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.29.

IC 14-32-5-3.5

Certificate of organization; rebuttable presumption of establishment of district

Sec. 3.5. (a) In an action or proceeding that:

- (1) relates to; or
- (2) involves the validity or enforcement of;

a contract, proceeding, or action of a district, proof of the issuance of a certificate of organization to the district by the secretary of state creates a rebuttable presumption of the establishment of the district under this article or IC 13-3-1 (before its repeal).

(b) A copy of a certificate of organization that was issued to a district and certified by the secretary of state is:

- (1) admissible in evidence in an action or proceeding referred to in subsection (a); and
- (2) proof of the filing and contents of the certificate.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.30.

IC 14-32-5-4

"Landfill"; inspection

Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "landfill" means a facility where solid waste is to be disposed of through placement on or beneath the surface of the ground. However, the term does not include any of the following:

- (1) A land application operation regulated under 327 IAC 6.
- (2) A surface impoundment.
- (3) An injection well.
- (4) A facility for the disposal of solid waste other than sludge from a municipal wastewater treatment plant that is:
 - (A) generated at the site of the facility; or
 - (B) generated by the owner or operator of the facility.
- (5) An operation permitted under IC 14-34.

(b) As used in this section, "underground injection" means the subsurface emplacement of fluids through:

- (1) a bored, drilled, or driven shaft; or
- (2) a dug hole, the depth of which is greater than the hole's largest surface dimension.

(c) A district shall inspect every landfill located within the boundaries of the district for compliance with rules adopted under IC 13-18 or IC 13-19 concerning erosion and sediment control. Each landfill shall be inspected under this section at least two (2) times each calendar year as follows:

- (1) One (1) time before July 1.
- (2) One (1) time after June 30 and before December 31.

(d) Not later than ten (10) days after an inspection of a landfill under this section, the individual who conducted the inspection on behalf of the district shall prepare a written report on the results of the inspection and send the report to the following:

- (1) The executive of the county.
- (2) The commissioner of the department of environmental management.
- (3) The director of the division of soil conservation established

within the Indiana state department of agriculture by IC 15-11-4-1.
As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.31; P.L.1-2006, SEC.222; P.L.2-2008, SEC.35; P.L.120-2008, SEC.15.

IC 14-32-5-5

Prohibited actions

Sec. 5. A district may not do any of the following:

- (1) Exercise the right of eminent domain.
- (2) Incur indebtedness beyond available money.
- (3) Issue bonds.
- (4) Take contributions by exactions or persuasions. However, the district may accept voluntary contributions from any source if the following conditions are met:
 - (A) The donations are offered for the sole and exclusive purpose of promoting soil and water conservation within the district.
 - (B) The district satisfactorily guarantees to the donors the faithful use of the donations for that purpose.
- (5) Engage in:
 - (A) the marketing of farm products; or
 - (B) the buying and selling of farm supplies; other than those products or supplies used or needed directly or indirectly in soil and water conservation work.
- (6) Engage in agricultural research or agricultural extension teaching except in cooperation with Purdue University.
- (7) Levy taxes.
- (8) Make or levy benefit assessments or any other kind of assessments.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.32.

IC 14-32-5-6

Cooperation among districts

Sec. 6. Districts organized under this article or IC 13-3-1 (before its repeal) may cooperate with each other in carrying on the work of the districts. However, this section does not permit the transfer of authority or powers from one (1) district to another.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.33.

IC 14-32-5-7

State agencies and governmental subdivisions cooperating with districts

Sec. 7. (a) An:

- (1) agency of the state; or
- (2) county or other governmental subdivision of the state;

that has jurisdiction over or is charged with the administration of publicly owned land lying within the boundaries of a district shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the district to effect programs and operations undertaken by the district under this article.

(b) The district shall be given free access to enter and perform work upon the publicly owned land referred to in subsection (a).
As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.34.

IC 14-32-5-8

Appropriations

Sec. 8. The fiscal body of each county that contains a district in whole or in part may appropriate money for the use of the district serving the county from which the appropriation is to be made.
As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-6

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.136-1997, SEC.43.)

IC 14-32-6.5

Chapter 6.5. Changing the Boundaries of a District or Dissolving a District

IC 14-32-6.5-1

Petitions to change boundaries or dissolve districts

Sec. 1. (a) Land occupiers of a district may file a petition with the board requesting either of the following:

(1) That the boundaries of the district be changed to encompass territory described in the petition.

(2) That the district cease to operate and be dissolved.

(b) A petition filed under this section must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the boundaries of the district referred to in the petition.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-2

Petition to change boundaries; conditions

Sec. 2. In the case of a petition filed under section 1(a)(1) of this chapter to change the boundaries of a district, the following conditions apply:

(1) The territory proposed for inclusion in the reconfigured district may consist of two (2) or more separate tracts, and the tracts need not be contiguous.

(2) The petition must include a generally accurate description of the territory proposed for inclusion in the reconfigured district, but the territory need not be defined by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-3

Petition to change boundaries; requirements of territory proposed for inclusion

Sec. 3. (a) If:

(1) a petition is filed under section 1(a)(1) of this chapter to change the boundaries of a district; and

(2) the territory proposed for inclusion in the reconfigured district includes all or part of the territory of one (1) or more existing districts;

the petition must meet the requirement set forth in subsection (b), subsection (c), or subsection (d).

(b) If the territory proposed for inclusion includes only a portion of the existing district, a petition described in subsection (a) must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the territory, except as provided in subsection (d).

(c) If the territory proposed for inclusion includes all or part of two (2) or more existing districts, the petition must be signed by at

least twenty-five (25) land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the part of each existing district that is proposed for inclusion, except as provided in subsection (d).

(d) If there are fewer than fifty (50) land occupiers whose tracts of land are located in:

- (1) a territory referred to in subsection (b); or
- (2) a part of a district referred to in subsection (c);

the petition must be signed by a majority of the land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the territory or part of a district.

(e) The signature requirements of this section are in addition to the signature requirement imposed by section 1(b) of this chapter.
As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-4

Petition to change boundaries; joint resolution of districts required

Sec. 4. (a) If:

- (1) a petition is filed under section 1(a)(1) of this chapter to change the boundaries of a district; and
- (2) the territory proposed for inclusion in the reconfigured district includes all or part of the territory of one (1) or more other existing districts;

the petition must be accompanied by a copy of a joint resolution described in subsection (b).

(b) The resolution required by this section must be adopted by the supervisors and certified by the secretary of:

- (1) the district into which the territory proposed for inclusion would be incorporated; and
- (2) each district whose territory would be incorporated into the district referred to in subdivision (1).

(c) The resolution required by this section must set forth:

- (1) the amount of the assets and obligations that would be transferred to the district referred to in subsection (b)(1) by each district referred to in subsection (b)(2) as part of the incorporation of territory; and
- (2) the amount of the assets and obligations of the district referred to in subsection (b)(1) that would be retained by the district after the incorporation of territory.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-5

Petitions to change boundaries or dissolve districts; invalidity

Sec. 5. If a petition filed under section 1 of this chapter does not meet the requirements set forth in sections 1 through 4 of this chapter, the board shall:

- (1) declare the petition invalid;
- (2) in writing, inform the person who filed the petition that the petition is invalid, specifying the reason or reasons for the invalidity of the petition; and

- (3) return the petition to the person who filed it for the incorporation of corrections to remedy the invalidity.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-6

Petitions to change boundaries or dissolve districts; hearing

Sec. 6. (a) If a petition filed under section 1 of this chapter meets the requirements set forth in sections 1 through 4 of this chapter, the board shall do the following:

- (1) Not more than sixty (60) days after the filing of the petition, give due notice that a hearing will be held concerning the petition.
- (2) Pay all expenses arising from the issuance of the notice and the holding of the hearing.
- (3) Conduct the hearing.

(b) The hearing held on the petition shall be open to the public. The following may testify at the hearing:

- (1) A land occupier whose tract of land is located within the district or territory referred to in the petition.
- (2) An individual of voting age who resides within the district or territory referred to in the petition.

(c) Testimony may be presented at the hearing concerning:

- (1) the desirability and necessity, in the interest of the public welfare, of granting the petition;
- (2) the validity of:
 - (A) the petition; and
 - (B) proceedings conducted on the petition under this chapter; and
- (3) all questions relevant to the petition.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-7

Petitions to change boundaries or dissolve districts; considerations

Sec. 7. (a) When considering a petition to change the boundaries of a district, the board shall consider and give due weight to the following:

- (1) The information presented at the hearing held under section 6 of this chapter.
- (2) The attitudes toward the change in district boundaries expressed by land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the territory proposed for inclusion within the district.
- (3) The desirability and necessity of including the territory within the district, including the benefits that the land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the territory may receive from the inclusion.
- (4) The relation of the territory to:
 - (A) watersheds;
 - (B) agricultural regions; and

(C) other districts.

(5) The physical, geographical, and economic factors that are relevant, having regard to the legislative determination set forth in IC 14-32-1.

(b) When considering a petition to dissolve a district, the board shall consider and give due weight to the following:

(1) The information presented at the hearing held under section 6 of this chapter.

(2) The attitudes toward dissolution of the district expressed by land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the district.

(3) The approximate wealth and income of the residents of the district.

(4) The probable expense of carrying on soil and water resource protection activities within the district.

(5) Other economic and social factors that are relevant, having regard to the legislative determination set forth in IC 14-32-1.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-8

Denial of petition

Sec. 8. Not more than sixty (60) days after a public hearing on a petition is held under section 6 of this chapter, the board shall determine whether the petition should be denied.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-9

Denial of petition; record of determination; notice

Sec. 9. If, after the hearing and consideration of the factors set forth in section 7 of this chapter, the board determines that a petition should be denied, the board shall, when appropriate, do the following:

(1) Record the determination.

(2) Deny the petition.

(3) Notify a representative of the petitioners in writing that the petition is denied.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-10

Petitions to change boundaries or dissolve districts; procedures if not denied

Sec. 10. (a) If, after the hearing and consideration of the factors set forth in section 7(a) of this chapter, the board determines that a petition to change the boundaries of a district should not be denied, the board shall, when appropriate, do the following:

(1) Record the determination.

(2) Define, by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions, the territory to be included in the proposed reconfigured district.

(3) In consultation with the petitioners, establish a name for the proposed reconfigured district.

(4) Not more than sixty (60) days after recording the determination, give due notice that an election, by secret ballot, will be held on the local public question set forth in the petition.

(5) Prescribe appropriate procedures for the conduct of the election and the determination of the eligibility of voters.

(6) Supervise the conduct of the election.

(7) Publish the results of the election.

(8) Pay all expenses arising from the issuance of notices and the holding of the election.

(b) If, after the hearing and consideration of the factors set forth in section 7(b) of this chapter, the board determines that a petition to dissolve a district should not be denied, the board shall, when appropriate, do the following:

(1) Record the determination.

(2) Not more than sixty (60) days after recording the determination, give due notice that an election, by secret ballot, will be held on the local public question set forth in the petition.

(3) Prescribe appropriate procedures for the conduct of the election and the determination of the eligibility of voters.

(4) Supervise the conduct of the election.

(5) Publish the results of the election.

(6) Pay all expenses arising from the issuance of notices and the holding of the election.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-11

Elections to change boundaries or dissolve districts; contents of ballots

Sec. 11. (a) The ballot provided for an election on whether to change the boundaries of a district must contain the following:

(1) A definition, by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions, of the territory within the proposed reconfigured district.

(2) Two (2) propositions, one (1) of which reads "For creation of the (insert name) soil and water conservation district comprising the territory defined here" and the other of which reads "Against creation of the (insert name) soil and water conservation district comprising the territory defined here".

(3) A square in front of each proposition.

(4) Instruction to insert an X mark in the square before only one (1) of the propositions to indicate that the voter favors or opposes the inclusion of the described territory within the district.

(b) The ballot provided for an election on whether to dissolve a district must contain the following:

(1) Two (2) propositions, one (1) of which reads "For terminating the existence of the (insert name) soil and water

conservation district" and the other of which reads "Against terminating the existence of the (insert name) soil and water conservation district".

(2) A square in front of each proposition.

(3) Instruction to insert an X mark in the square before only one

(1) of the propositions to indicate that the voter favors or opposes the dissolution of the district.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-12

Elections to change boundaries or dissolve districts; voting

Sec. 12. (a) All land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within:

(1) the boundaries of the district as they would be changed to encompass the territory proposed for inclusion; or

(2) the district proposed for dissolution;

are eligible to vote in the election on the local public question held under section 10(a) or 10(b) of this chapter.

(b) A voting place used in the election must be arranged so that the voter can mark a ballot without disclosing to any person how the ballot was marked.

(c) An informality in the conduct of the election on the local public question or in a matter relating to the election does not invalidate the election or the result of the election if:

(1) due notice of the election was given substantially as required by section 10 of this chapter and IC 14-8-2-80; and

(2) the election was conducted fairly.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-13

Elections to change boundaries or dissolve districts; simple majority required to deny

Sec. 13. If at least a simple majority of the votes cast on the local public question are against the request set forth in the petition, the board shall, when appropriate, do the following:

(1) Certify the results of the election in the records of the board.

(2) Declare the request set forth in the petition denied.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-14

Elections to change boundaries or dissolve districts; simple majority required to implement request

Sec. 14. (a) In an election on the local public question of whether to change the boundaries of a district, the board shall proceed under subsection (c) if at least a simple majority:

(1) of all the votes cast; and

(2) of the votes cast in each:

(A) district; or

(B) portion of a district;
that would be included within the proposed reconfigured district;
are in favor of the inclusion of the described territory within the district.

(b) In an election on the local public question of whether to dissolve a district, the board shall proceed under subsection (c) if at least a simple majority of the votes cast on the local public question are in favor of the dissolution of the district.

(c) Under the circumstances set forth in subsection (a) or (b), the board shall do the following:

- (1) Certify the results of the election in the records of the board.
- (2) Implement the request set forth in the petition under:
 - (A) sections 15 through 21 of this chapter, if changing the boundaries of a district; or
 - (B) sections 22 through 23 of this chapter, if dissolving a district.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-15

Appointed supervisors; terms

Sec. 15. (a) To incorporate the described territory within the district, the board shall do the following not more than thirty (30) days after certifying the election:

- (1) Appoint two (2) individuals who meet the qualifications set forth in IC 14-32-4-1(c) as supervisors of the district.
- (2) Establish the length of the terms of the appointed supervisors within the limits set forth in subsection (b).

(b) The term of one (1) supervisor appointed under subsection (a) may not be more than three (3) years. The term of the other supervisor appointed under subsection (a) may not be more than two (2) years.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-16

Letter of application; presentation to secretary of state; contents

Sec. 16. (a) Not more than thirty (30) days after being appointed under section 15(a) of this chapter, the two (2) appointed supervisors shall present to the secretary of state the following:

- (1) A notarized letter of application, signed by the two (2) appointed supervisors, for reorganization of the district as a governmental subdivision and a public body corporate and politic under this article.
- (2) A copy of the original petition filed with the board.
- (3) A copy of the certification by the board of the results of the election held on the local public question.
- (4) A copy of the records of appointment by the board of the two (2) supervisors who signed the letter of application.

(b) The letter of application presented under subsection (a) must include the following:

- (1) The name proposed for the district.
- (2) A definition, by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions, of the reconfigured boundaries of the district.
- (3) A statement certifying that, upon notification by the secretary of state of the approval of the application, an existing district lying entirely within the boundaries of the newly reorganized district will terminate operation and cease to exist.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-17

Certificate of organization

Sec. 17. (a) After receiving, examining, and approving a letter of application and the accompanying documents that are presented under section 16 of this chapter, the secretary of state shall do the following:

- (1) Issue to the appointed supervisors a certificate of organization indicating that the district is reestablished with boundaries incorporating the territory defined in the notarized letter of application presented under section 16 of this chapter.
- (2) Record the certificate of organization with the letter of application and accompanying documents in an appropriate record.
- (3) Issue to the supervisors of any existing district lying entirely within the boundaries of the newly reestablished district a certificate of dissolution of the existing district.
- (4) Record the certificate of dissolution in an appropriate record.

(b) On the date the secretary of state issues the certificates required by subsection (a):

- (1) all property and responsibilities of any existing district lying entirely within the boundaries of the newly reestablished district are assumed by the reestablished district; and
- (2) any existing district lying entirely within the boundaries of the newly reestablished district ceases to exist.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-18

Elected supervisors; petitions for nomination

Sec. 18. (a) After the secretary of state issues a certificate of organization to the supervisors of a newly reestablished district under section 17 of this chapter, the board shall, when appropriate, circulate petitions for the nomination of candidates for the three (3) elected supervisor positions of the reestablished district. The petitions must be filed with the board not more than sixty (60) days after the secretary of state issues the certificate of organization. However, the board may extend the time within which the petitions

may be filed.

(b) To be valid, a nominating petition must meet the following conditions:

(1) The candidate named on the petition must meet the qualifications for elected supervisors set forth in IC 14-32-4-1(b).

(2) The petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) land occupiers whose tracts of land are located within the district.

(c) A land occupier may sign more than one (1) petition to nominate more than one (1) candidate.

(d) Not more than thirty (30) days after receiving at least four (4) valid nominating petitions, the board shall do the following:

(1) Give due notice that an election, by secret ballot, will be held to elect the three (3) supervisors of the newly reestablished district.

(2) Prescribe appropriate procedures for the conduct of the election and the determination of the eligibility of voters.

(3) Supervise the conduct of the election.

(4) Publish the results of the election.

(5) Pay all expenses arising from the issuance of notices and the holding of the election.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-19

Election of supervisors; contents of ballots

Sec. 19. (a) The ballot provided for the initial election of supervisors of a newly reestablished district must contain the following:

(1) The names, in alphabetical order of the surnames, of all the nominees on behalf of whom valid nominating petitions have been filed.

(2) A square in front of each name.

(3) Instruction to insert an X mark in the square before any three (3) of the names to indicate the voter's preference.

(b) A land occupier whose tract of land is located within the newly reestablished district is eligible to vote in the election.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-20

Elected supervisors; terms

Sec. 20. (a) The three (3) candidates who receive the largest number of votes cast in the initial election of supervisors of a newly reestablished district are elected.

(b) The terms of office of the elected supervisors are as follows:

(1) The individual receiving the highest number of votes has a three (3) year term of office.

(2) The individual receiving the second highest number of votes has a two (2) year term of office.

(3) The individual receiving the third highest number of votes has a (1) year term of office.

(c) If a tie vote occurs among the three individuals elected as supervisors, the terms of office for those receiving the same number of votes shall be decided by lot.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-21

Elected supervisors; oath of office; commencement of term

Sec. 21. (a) The five (5) initial supervisors of a newly reestablished district shall assume the duties of office upon taking and signing an oath of office. The oath shall be administered:

(1) to the two (2) appointed supervisors at the date of their appointment by the board; and

(2) to the three (3) elected supervisors within one (1) week after publication by the board of the results of the election.

(b) An appointed supervisor holding office when a district is reestablished under sections 15 through 21 of this chapter is discharged from office when the initial appointed supervisors of the reestablished district assume the duties of office under subsection (a). An elected supervisor holding office when a district is reestablished under sections 15 through 21 of this chapter is discharged from office when the initial elected supervisors of the reestablished district assume the duties of office under subsection (a).

(c) Although an initial supervisor assumes the duties of office at the time set forth in subsection (a), the term of office of the supervisor does not begin until the conclusion of the first annual meeting of the newly reestablished district for purposes of determining the expiration of the supervisor's term of office.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-22

Dissolution; procedures; certificate

Sec. 22. (a) To proceed with the dissolution of a district under section 14(b) of this chapter in accordance with the results of an election, the supervisors of the district, upon notification of the results of the election, shall do the following:

(1) Begin immediately to terminate the affairs of the district.

(2) Dispose of all property belonging to the district at public auction and pay over the proceeds of the sale into the state treasury.

(3) File with the secretary of state a notarized letter of application for dissolution of the district that:

(A) recites that the property of the district has been disposed of and the proceeds of the sale paid over as required by this section; and

(B) sets forth a full accounting of the property and proceeds

of the sale.

(4) Transmit with the letter of application a copy of the certification by the board of the results of the election on the local public question of whether to dissolve the district.

(b) Upon receipt, examination, and approval of the letter of application and accompanying required document, the secretary of state shall do the following:

(1) Issue to the supervisors a certificate of dissolution.

(2) Record the certificate with the letter of application and accompanying required document in an appropriate record.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-23

Dissolution; contracts remain in force

Sec. 23. (a) Despite the issuance of a certificate of dissolution of a district under section 22 of this chapter, all contracts to which the district is a party remain in force and effect for the period provided in the contracts.

(b) The board:

(1) is substituted for the district as party to the contracts;

(2) is entitled to all benefits and subject to all liabilities under the contracts; and

(3) has the same right and obligation under the contracts as the district would have had to:

(A) perform;

(B) require performance;

(C) sue and be sued; and

(D) modify or terminate the contracts by mutual consent or otherwise.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-24

Denial of petition for change in boundaries; delay before similar request considered

Sec. 24. If a valid petition requesting a change in the boundaries of a district or the dissolution of a district has been denied due to:

(1) the determination of the board after a public hearing; or

(2) the results of an election held on the local public question;

the board may not consider a later petition containing the same request or a similar request until two (2) years after the denial of the original petition.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-6.5-25

Procedures for organization of new district in same territory as dissolved district

Sec. 25. If a district is dissolved under this chapter, the board may prescribe the procedure under which a new district may be organized within the territory encompassed by the dissolved district.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.35.

IC 14-32-7

Chapter 7. Duties of Department

IC 14-32-7-1

Policy of department

Sec. 1. (a) The general assembly recognizes the following:

- (1) That the land resource of Indiana, including the principal elements of geology, landscape, and soils, is one (1) of the basic natural resources of Indiana.
- (2) That an ever increasing demand upon the fixed and limited land resource is resulting from a growing population, with the accompanying expansions in commercial, industrial, transportation, recreation, and cultural development and the continuing need for an adequate agricultural base for the production of food and fiber.
- (3) That conservation of the land resource is essential to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (4) That the task of conservation can only be accomplished through a factual knowledge and understanding of the land resource.

(b) Therefore, it is the policy of the general assembly that the state promote and participate in the conservation of the land resource of Indiana by doing the following:

- (1) Providing new or expanded means for the securing, development, and furnishing to land use decision makers of adequate factual knowledge concerning the geology, landscape, and soils of Indiana, including their potentials, limitations, and interrelationships, in the manner set forth in this chapter.
- (2) Strengthening the capabilities of local soil and water conservation districts.
- (3) Expanding the level of small watershed planning for soil and water conservation measures.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.36.

IC 14-32-7-2

"Geology"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "geology" means the study of the following:

- (1) Earth materials, which are minerals, rocks, water, and soil.
- (2) The processes that have formed earth materials.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-7-3

"Land conservation"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "land conservation" means the wise use of land:

- (1) for the satisfaction of human needs; and

(2) based upon knowledge and understanding of the land's capabilities and limitations.
As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-7-4

"Landscape"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "landscape" means the aggregate of all factors and features that constitute the total visual and perceptive impact of a given area of the earth's surface upon the human senses.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-7-5

"Soil"

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "soil" means the surface layer of the earth that serves as a natural medium for the growth of plant life.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25.

IC 14-32-7-6

Division of soil conservation; administration and coordination of duties and responsibilities of department of agriculture; annual report

Sec. 6. (a) The division of soil conservation:

(1) shall administer and coordinate the duties and responsibilities of the Indiana state department of agriculture under the land resource programs authorized by this chapter; and

(2) in carrying out its duties under subdivision (1), may work in cooperation with the following:

(A) Federal and state agencies.

(B) Local governmental agencies involved in land use planning and zoning.

(C) Any person, firm, institution, or agency, public or private, having an interest in land conservation.

(b) The Indiana state department of agriculture may employ the personnel and provide facilities and services that are necessary to carry out the Indiana state department of agriculture's duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

(c) The Indiana state department of agriculture shall prepare an annual report of the division of soil conservation's expenditures and accomplishments and that contains a proposed business plan.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.37; P.L.1-2006, SEC.223; P.L.175-2006, SEC.15; P.L.120-2008, SEC.16.

IC 14-32-7-7

"Urban geology survey"

Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "urban geology survey" means

a systematic scientific identification, inventory, and mapping of the earth materials of a given area that sets forth the capabilities, potentials, and limitations of the earth materials for human needs.

(b) The Indiana state department of agriculture shall use the money appropriated by the general assembly to initiate and carry out a program of urban geology surveys, together with other geologic investigations, for Indiana to develop and present the geologic data and information necessary to a coordinated land conservation program that will promote sound land use decisions.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.38; P.L.1-2006, SEC.224; P.L.120-2008, SEC.17.

IC 14-32-7-8

"Landscape survey"

Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "landscape survey" means a systematic scientific identification, inventory, and mapping of the features of the earth's surface that serve to constitute the landscape of a given area, including key factors such as the following:

- (1) Land form.
- (2) Vegetation.
- (3) Wildlife.
- (4) Physical characteristics.
- (5) Visual perception.
- (6) Historical and cultural sites.

(b) The Indiana state department of agriculture shall use the money appropriated by the general assembly to initiate and carry out a program of landscape surveys for Indiana to develop and present the surficial landscape data and information necessary to promote wise land use decisions.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.39; P.L.1-2006, SEC.225; P.L.120-2008, SEC.18.

IC 14-32-7-8.5

"Soil surveys and geographic information systems"

Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "soil survey" means a systematic scientific identification, inventory, and mapping of the soils of a given area that sets forth the capabilities, potential, and limitations of the soils in the satisfaction of human needs.

(b) The Indiana state department of agriculture shall use the money appropriated by the general assembly to implement and supplement a program of modern soil surveys and geographic information systems (GIS) for Indiana that will, within the shortest practicable time, provide a modern soil survey and geographic information system for each county as an essential tool in land conservation.

As added by P.L.136-1997, SEC.40. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.226; P.L.175-2006, SEC.16; P.L.120-2008, SEC.19.

IC 14-32-7-9**Support and assistance to local soil and water conservation districts**

Sec. 9. The Indiana state department of agriculture shall provide more support and assistance to the local soil and water conservation districts by:

- (1) granting to the districts the additional money that is appropriated by the general assembly; and
- (2) increased coordination and consultative services;

to obtain increased participation by the districts in the development of improved local land use practices and decisions.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.41; P.L.1-2006, SEC.227; P.L.120-2008, SEC.20.

IC 14-32-7-10**Appropriations; uses**

Sec. 10. The Indiana state department of agriculture shall use the money appropriated by the general assembly to expand the small watershed planning program as carried out in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture under 16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq., to reduce the accumulation of approved watershed planning requests and expedite the realization of the multiple benefits of this soil and water conservation program.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.228; P.L.120-2008, SEC.21.

IC 14-32-7-11**Coordination and scheduling of urban geology survey program and landscape survey program**

Sec. 11. The Indiana state department of agriculture shall coordinate and schedule the programs authorized by sections 7 through 8 of this chapter to provide, as nearly as practicable, for concurrent completion and furnishing of the results of each program for each selected area study unit.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.229; P.L.120-2008, SEC.22.

IC 14-32-7-12**Duties of soil conservation division**

Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "river" includes streams and the tributaries of rivers.

(b) The division of soil conservation shall do the following:

- (1) Perform all administrative duties required by the rules of the board.
- (2) Provide professional assistance to districts in planning, coordinating, and training for the following:
 - (A) Adult soil and water conservation education.

- (B) Natural resources conservation information programs for elementary and secondary schools.
- (C) Supervisors and staff.
- (3) Provide professional soil conservation technical assistance to districts.
- (4) Provide nonagricultural soils interpretive and erosion control expertise on a regional basis.
- (5) Assist the districts and other federal, state, and local entities in encouraging and monitoring compliance with those aspects of the programs that are related to erosion and sediment reduction.
- (6) Administer a cost share program for installation of erosion control structural measures on severely eroding cropland and for conversion of highly erodible land from crop production to permanent vegetative cover.
- (7) Provide professional assistance to districts in conservation needs assessments, program development, and program evaluation.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.136-1997, SEC.42; P.L.175-2006, SEC.17; P.L.95-2016, SEC.3.

IC 14-32-7-13

Administration

Sec. 13. The Indiana state department of agriculture shall administer this article subject to the direction of the board.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.25. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.230; P.L.120-2008, SEC.23.

IC 14-32-8

Chapter 8. Clean Water Indiana Program

IC 14-32-8-1

"Fund" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" means the clean water Indiana fund established by this chapter.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4.

IC 14-32-8-2

"Political subdivision" defined

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "political subdivision" means a county, township, city, or town.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4.

IC 14-32-8-3

"Program" defined

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" means the clean water Indiana program established by this chapter.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4.

IC 14-32-8-4

Program established

Sec. 4. The clean water Indiana program is established. The division of soil conservation established within the department of agriculture by IC 15-11-4-1 shall administer the program subject to the direction of the board.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.231; P.L.2-2008, SEC.36.

IC 14-32-8-5

Purpose of program

Sec. 5. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to:

- (1) soil and water conservation districts;
- (2) land occupiers; and
- (3) conservation groups;

to implement conservation practices to reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.175-2006, SEC.18.

IC 14-32-8-6

Clean water Indiana fund

Sec. 6. (a) The clean water Indiana fund is established to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The fund shall be administered by the division of soil conservation subject to the direction of the board.

(b) The fund consists of:

- (1) amounts deposited in the fund under IC 6-7-1-29.3;
- (2) amounts appropriated by the general assembly; and
- (3) donations, grants, and money received from any other source.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund or any other fund but remains in the fund to be used for the purposes of the fund.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.241-2005, SEC.5; P.L.24-2009, SEC.1.

IC 14-32-8-7

Expenditures from fund

Sec. 7. Money in the fund may be spent in the following ways:

- (1) To increase district technical assistance in local conservation efforts.
- (2) To develop an environmental stewardship program to assist land occupiers in complying with environmental regulations voluntarily.
- (3) To qualify for federal matching funds.
- (4) To provide for the following cost sharing programs:
 - (A) A program to encourage land occupiers to implement conservation practices to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and sediment runoff.
 - (B) Programs that encourage land occupiers to implement nutrient management programs by sharing the cost of any of the following:
 - (i) Fencing for intensive grazing systems.
 - (ii) Purchasing nutrient management equipment.
 - (iii) Voluntary environmental audits.
 - (iv) Other similar expenditures related to nutrient management.
- (5) To provide matching grants to districts for the following:
 - (A) Professional watershed coordinators to facilitate and administer local watershed protection projects.
 - (B) District managers to administer district conservation policies and programs.
- (6) To increase state technical and capacity building assistance to districts and local conservation efforts by providing for the following:
 - (A) Capacity building specialists to train district personnel in grant writing, grant administration, and leadership development.
 - (B) Conservation education specialists to help implement district conservation education efforts.
 - (C) Urban storm water specialists to provide technical

assistance to developers to contain soil erosion on construction sites.

(7) To make distributions as provided under section 8 of this chapter.

(8) Implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) or similar technology.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.175-2006, SEC.19; P.L.129-2011, SEC.6.

IC 14-32-8-8

Matching funds from division of soil conservation

Sec. 8. (a) In addition to funds provided to a district under section 7 of this chapter or from any other source, the division of soil conservation shall pay to the district one dollar (\$1) for every one dollar (\$1) the district receives:

(1) from a political subdivision; or

(2) if a district receives no funding from a political subdivision, from any other funding source.

The board shall consider funds received from a source referred to in subdivision (2) as qualifying for matching payments under this subsection.

(b) Except as provided in section 8.2 of this chapter, the state is not obligated to match more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) under this section.

(c) In order to receive funding under this section each year, a district must certify to the division of soil conservation the amount of money the district received from all sources described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) during the one (1) year period beginning January 1 of the previous year. The information prepared under this subsection must be part of the annual financial statement prepared and provided to the board under IC 14-32-4-22. The division of soil conservation shall make distributions under this section not later than July 15 of each year.

(d) Before making distributions under this section, the division of soil conservation shall determine the total amount of money that has been certified by all districts as having been provided by sources described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2). If the cumulative amount to be distributed to all districts exceeds the amount appropriated to the fund, the division of soil conservation shall reduce the distribution to each district proportionately.

(e) A district must spend money received under this section for the purposes of the district.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.155-2002, SEC.9 and P.L.158-2002, SEC.8; P.L.175-2006, SEC.20; P.L.1-2007, SEC.129; P.L.95-2016, SEC.4.

IC 14-32-8-8.2

Limit on matching funds from division if district territory is larger

than one county

Sec. 8.2. (a) This section applies to a district if, as the result of:

- (1) the merger of two (2) or more districts; or
- (2) the changing of the boundaries of one (1) or more districts under IC 14-32-6.5;

the territory of the district is larger than the entire area of one (1) county.

(b) The limit in section 8(b) of this chapter on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match shall be adjusted under this section in the case of a district described in subsection (a).

(c) If the territory of a district includes the entire area of two (2) or more counties, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) multiplied by a whole number equal to the number of counties whose entire area is included in the territory of the district.

(d) If the territory of a district includes some of but less than the entire area of a particular county, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is the sum of:

- (1) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) multiplied by a percentage equal to the percentage of the particular county's entire area that is included in the territory of the district; plus
- (2) either:
 - (A) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), if the territory of the district also includes all the area of one (1) other county; or
 - (B) the figure calculated under subsection (c), if the territory of the district also includes all the area of two (2) or more counties.

As added by P.L.95-2016, SEC.5.

IC 14-32-8-8.3

Limit on matching funds from division if district territory is smaller than one county

Sec. 8.3. (a) This section applies to a district if, as the result of:

- (1) the merger of two (2) or more districts; or
- (2) the changing of the boundaries of one (1) or more districts under IC 14-32-6.5;

the territory of the district is smaller than the entire area of one (1) county.

(b) The limit in section 8(b) of this chapter on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match shall be adjusted under this section in the case of a district described in subsection (a).

(c) If the territory of a district contains less than the entire area of one (1) county, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is the product of:

- (1) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); multiplied by
- (2) a percentage equal to the percentage of the county's entire

area that is included in the territory of the district.
As added by P.L.95-2016, SEC.6.

IC 14-32-8-9

Report

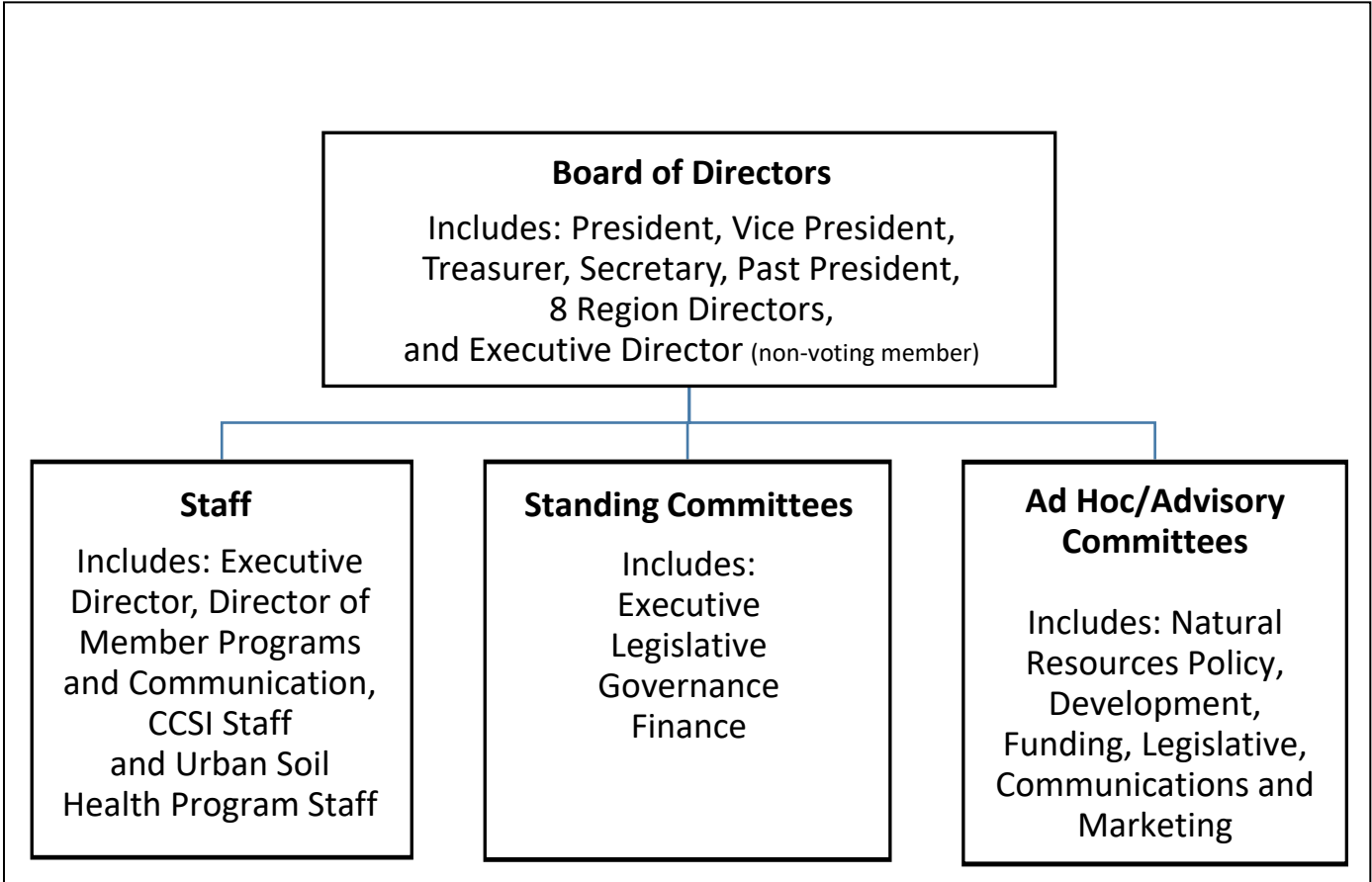
Sec. 9. The districts shall coordinate with the division of soil conservation to compile and provide a report to the executive director of the legislative services agency each year. The report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 and must describe:

- (1) the expenditures of the clean water Indiana fund; and
- (2) the number, type, status, and effectiveness of conservation efforts funded by the clean water Indiana program.

As added by P.L.160-1999, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.28-2004, SEC.133.

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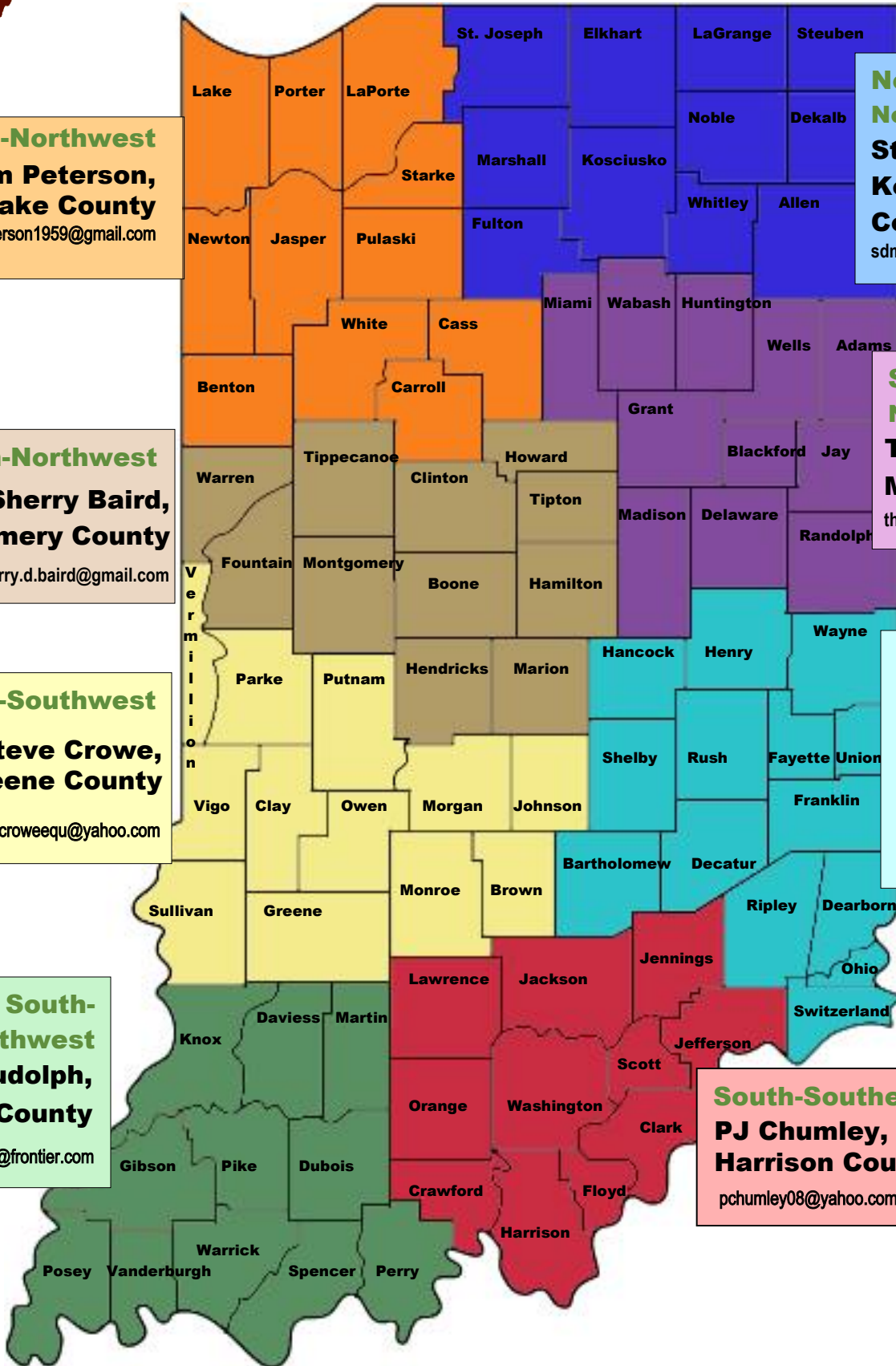
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POLICY MANUAL

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I. COST-SHARE PROGRAMS

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VI. INDIANA CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Conservation Plan Requirement to Receive USDA Subsidizes (2020)

That IASWCD advocate for a requirement in the State of Indiana that all agricultural producers requesting PLC, ARC and Crop Insurance Premium Reduction Subsidies meet with their local NRCS District Conservationist and Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a conservation plan. A task force shall be created to determine the feasibility of implementing a conservation plan requirement for the aforementioned subsidies, similar to the current requirements to participate in Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELCS) and Wetland Conservation (WC) programs.

Updated Actions:

- As a national level topic, the resolution was submitted to the NACD resolution process. During the 2020 NACD annual meeting the resolution was changed to be supportive of the promotion of conservation planning for subsidy programs, but not to require them. More discussion with USDA NRCS and other national level partners are needed, especially as the next Farm Bill is drafted this year in 2023.

Feral Swine Eradication (2018)

That IASWCD should partner with USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services' Feral Swine task force to keep abreast of the spread and control efforts that are in place. We should continue to provide education to districts about existing laws regarding harboring and hunting feral swine for sport and coordinate eradication efforts with neighboring districts be they local or across state lines.

Updated actions:

- Feral Swine Eradication has been added as part of the NACD policy book at the national level. NACD and Districts across the nation lobbied for inclusion in the 2018 USDA Farm Bill. In the 2018 Farm Bill, \$75 million was designated to establish a "feral swine eradication and control pilot program" over the next five years to help landowners with trapping and to use modern technology to control feral hogs. While Indiana is not one of the pilot states, the program is being monitored for effectiveness and will provide an avenue for future efforts.

VII. INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Term Limits for the State Soil Conservation Board (2022)

The IASWCD should work with ISDA, SSCB and Purdue to determine an appropriate term limit for board members and the best strategy to implement such term limits.

Updated actions:

- IASWCD met with the SSCB, ISDA and Purdue to discuss the merits of term limits for SSCB members. As a result of those discussions, the SSCB has since created a board policy that a board member may serve two consecutive terms, but must then sit out at least one term before being considered again for service.

VIII. INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

IX. INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

X. LAND USE

XI. LEGISLATION

Establishment of Legislative Task Force Addressing Invasive Plants (2020)

That the IASWCD will assume leadership in establishing the formation of a Legislative task force to determine the legislature's role in addressing invasive plant species, particularly on private land.

Updated Actions:

- Bill was created during the 2020 legislative session to create a summer study committee. It passed out of committee unanimously in the Senate, but died in the House. The proposed topic may have been a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic, as not many topics were assigned.
- IASWCD was successful in getting invasive species designated as a topic of a 2020 Rural Caucus meeting, with a speaker from the Indiana Invasives Initiative and SICIM.
- In fall of 2022, IASWCD worked to encourage a legislator to draft a reauthorization of the Indiana Invasive Species Council with a summer study committee to review the role of the state in invasive species management.

XII. PLANNING AND ZONING

XIII. SWCDs

Supervisor Per Diem (2021)

That IASWCD advocate for an opportunity or option for districts to be able to compensate supervisors at a level the county is willing to pay.

Updated Actions:

- This would require a change in district code. In the 2021 session, this was discussed with other agency partners that may need “cleanup” changes in our Title 14 of the code. With the primary focus of COVID in the 2021 General Assembly, we did not find much support for this change. IASWCD received similar feedback in 2022, but will be revisited prior to the 2023 General Assembly.

Annual Meetings – Options for 2020 & Beyond (2021)

That IASWCD advocate moving forward with supporting, developing, and implementing procedures for an “alternate option” to conducting an in-person annual meeting for all Indiana SWCDs.

Updated Actions:

- IASWCD monitored requirements from the state through communications with ISDA.
- IASWCD worked to provide virtual platform (Zoom) to districts for hosting virtual annual meetings in 2021.
- IASWCD monitored legislation that allowed for virtual meetings of special districts in the 2021 General Assembly. Legislation passed, allowing virtual presentation with the presence of a quorum.

XIV. WATER QUALITY

State and County Soil and Nutrient Loss Estimates (2020)

That the IASWCD request the ICP (NRCS, ISDA, IDEM and USGS) to work cooperatively to formulate annual soil and nutrient loss estimates at the state and county level

Updated Actions:

- No progress was made in 2020 and 2021, primarily delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This will be revisited with ICP partners in 2022.
 - As part of the Indiana Nutrient Reduction Strategy, and the Indiana Science Assessment, ISDA coordinated an effort to calculate nutrients leaving the state. This report was released in 2022 as *Trends of Sediment and Nutrient Loads in Indiana Watersheds*, and is available online:
https://www.in.gov/isda/files/WRTDS_PAPER_V9-Final-1.pdf

XV. WEEDS

XVI. YOUTH EDUCATION

IASWCD PAST PRESIDENTS

1944 - 1946 McKinley Vance (Davies)	2009, 2010 Paula Baldwin (Marion)
1947, 1948 Lloyd Arbuckle (Newton)	2010 – 2012 Ray McCormick (Knox)
1949, 1950 Ernest Miller (Knox)	2013-2014 Jeff Meinders (Ripley)
1951-1952 Lawrence McKinney (Fountain)	2015-2016 Mike Starkey (Hendricks)
1953, 1954 Harry Eby (Elkhart)	2016-2018 Jamie Scott (Kosciusko)
1955, 1956 F.E. Kempton (Wayne)	2019-2020 Roger Wenning (Decatur)
1957, 1958 George Pictor (Ripley)	2021-2022 Bobby Hettmansperger (Wabash)
1959, 1960 O.B. Riggs (Sullivan)	
1961, 1962 Raymond Musselman (Miami)	
1963 - 1965 Russell Reiff (White)	
1966, 1967 T.J. Wright (Wayne)	
1968, 1969 Elbert Roe (Noble)	
1970 - 1972 Harold Wilson (Miami)	
1973, 1974 Beryl Grimme (Howard)	
1975, 1976 Gillman O'Neal (Bartholomew)	
1977, 1978 Ellis McFadden (Allen)	
1979, 1980 John Hardin Sr. (Marion)	
1981, 1982 Don Strietelmeier (Bartholomew)	
1983, 1984 Howard Guse (LaPorte)	
1985 Dohn Wiley (Wabash)	
1986, 1987 Earl Blank (Harrison)	
1988, 1989 Kenneth Wallpe (Decatur)	
1990, 1991 Jerry Frey (Carroll)	
1992 - 1994 Jack Ruger (DeKalb)	
1995, 1996 Gene Schmidt (LaPorte)	
1997, 1998 Garry Tom (Kosciusko)	
1999, 2000 Carey McKibben (LaGrange)	
2001, 2002 Steve Graber (DeKalb)	
2003, 2004 Sherman Bryant (Kosciusko)	
2005, 2006 Gene Weaver (Ohio)	
2007, 2008 Jim Droege (Posey)	

