

Resolutions Submitted to IASWCD for 2025 Annual Business Meeting

Title of Resolution	Future Funding Changes
SWCD Submitting Resolution	Monroe
Contact Person	Whitney Schlegel
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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need	Need for adequate lead time for local budgeting purposes and to secure funding.
Proposed Solution	Any future changes in monetary requirements for Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for membership dues be clearly communicated to the Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts at a minimum of 12 months prior to a vote of the membership.
Benefits Expected	Clearer understanding of the IASWCDs financial needs and adequate time for local districts to prepare/budget and/or secure funding.
Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.....	Will provide clear expectations for an increase in membership dues. That it be clearly communicated in writing to the Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts at a minimum of 12 months prior to a vote of the membership.
Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution:	Recommendation that any future changes in monetary requirements for Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for membership dues be clearly communicated to the Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts at a minimum of 12 months prior to a vote of the membership.
Supervisor Signatures (Typing names signifies the Supervisors' approval of submission)	Whitney Schlegel
Date signed	8/19/2024

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Title of Resolution	Powerline Spraying
SWCD Submitting Resolution	Warrick County SWCD
Contact Person	Holly McCutchan
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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need	Indiscriminate application of herbicide by power companies kills all woody species and grasses resulting in bare soil which then erodes and allows invasive plant species to colonize the area.
Proposed Solution	Provide protection of existing grass species to area under powerline to eliminate erosion issues. Providing training of product selection and timing to applicators and species identification.
Benefits Expected	This process will reduce erosion and also reduce invasive plant species in those areas. Providing habitat for pollinators and wildlife will be an additional benefit of this proposal.
Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.....	Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. approach the power companies throughout the state to seek a change of the regulation to eliminate the practice of using chemicals that create bare earth under right-a-ways. We seek a requirement that only allows the use of chemicals that target woody stems when applying chemicals for management throughout the state of Indiana.
Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution:	Over the years it has been noted that indiscriminate application of herbicide has resulted in erosion of areas under powerlines creating a natural resources issue. Also, after eliminating all vegetation under a powerline, invasive species quickly colonize the area and further decreasing biodiversity and creating havoc in the local ecosystem. By properly training applicators on species identification and knowledge of chemicals, proper application can be utilized to correctly eliminate only the undesired species. This selected removal of species would leave the remaining native species to provide habitat and stop erosion.

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Supervisor Signatures (Typing names signifies the Supervisors' approval of submission)	Logan Springstun, Peter Rudolph, Paula McGuire, Jeff Baker, Brad Speicher
Date signed	8/29/2024

Title of Resolution	Limiting Terms of District Supervisors
SWCD Submitting Resolution	Kosciusko
Contact Person	Dawn Armev
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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need	District Supervisors can serve on a board for an extended period.
Proposed Solution	Limit the terms served as a District Supervisor to 4 terms totaling 12 consecutive years. After serving this maximum period, a supervisor will take a minimum of one year off before becoming eligible to serve as a District Supervisor and begin a new term.
Benefits Expected	Limiting terms of District Supervisors will increase diverse perspectives, enhance decision making, foster innovation, and organizational growth. Additionally, it will broaden networking opportunities by expanding relationships through shared contacts and resources. These factors are crucial for improving district capacity and building leadership within a district.
Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.....	Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. will put into place that District Supervisors may serve up to 4 consecutive terms, totaling 12 years. After completing this maximum period, a one-year leave of absence will be required before becoming eligible to serve another set of 4 consecutive terms, totaling 12 years. Terms will be calculated based on the completion of the current term being served. If a supervisor has 12 years or more by the end of their last term, they must take a minimum of one year off before becoming eligible to begin a new term as a District Supervisor.
Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution:	Currently, a District Supervisor can serve on the board for an extended indefinite period. Allowing supervisors to remain in their positions without term limits can create an environment resistant to change and inflexible, potentially hindering organizational growth and innovation. The proposed resolution stipulates that no supervisor should serve more than 4 consecutive terms, totaling 12 years. After completing this maximum period, a supervisor must take a minimum of one year off before becoming eligible to run for the

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	position of District Supervisor again.
Supervisor Signatures (Typing names signifies the Supervisors' approval of submission)	David Ransbottom
Date signed	9/10/2024

Title of Resolution	Inclusion of Invasive Species Language in Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Statute IC 14-32-8
SWCD Submitting Resolution	IASWCD Legislative and Natural Resource Policy Committee
Contact Person	Marc Roberts
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Explanation of Problem(s) or Need	The scourge of invasive plant species is diminishing the productivity and the regeneration of forests and woodlands in Indiana and is negatively affecting habitat for wildlife and the quality of life for Hoosiers. Many SWCDs have risen to the challenge and are collaborating with partners across the state to provide education and technical assistance to confront this burgeoning problem. Unfortunately, there is no provision in CWI statute to allow use of CWI funds to address the issue of invasive plants.
Proposed Solution	Include invasive plants management through education, technical assistance and land treatment cost share as approved uses of CWI funding in IC 14-32-8
Benefits Expected	Including invasive plants in code will formally authorize the use of CWI funds for invasive species management and will eliminate any questions regarding the legitimacy of utilizing CWI funds for this purpose.
Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the IASWCD to take if this resolution passes). Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.....	Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. officially pursue legislative change to CWI statute to include invasive plant management as an accepted use of CWI funds.
Below please provide a detailed explanation of this resolution:	Despite the fact that in the past the State Soil Conservation Board has awarded numerous CWI grants for the management of invasive plant species, reservations about the utilization of CWI funds for such grants persist within the Division of Soil Conservation due to the fact that invasive species are not mentioned in the statute. Formally inserting this language into code will remove any such concerns.

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Supervisor Signatures (Typing names signifies the Supervisors' approval of submission)	Marc Roberts Steve Crowe Jeff Healy Stan Moore
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