

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Saturday, April 6, 2019

The First Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at Bru Burger Bar, Carmel, Indiana, on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President James Ramsey at 10:00 a.m. James welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bryan Noggle moved to have an open agenda. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 23, 2019, meeting had been emailed to board members. Bryan Noggle moved to accept the minutes as presented. Troy Warweg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Nanci Gutwein passed around some thank you notes and an announcement about a meeting of INAFSM coming up soon in Columbus, IN. Nanci reported that she attended the insurance meeting in Iowa. INLICA received a check for a little more than \$7000 for educational use.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smidler presented a written report. Total assets = \$296,593.61.

President's Report: James Ramsey related that the National convention in Tucson, AZ was very good. His business has been trying to work between rains. He has been receiving several inquiries from wind farms and solar farms for contractors and has been recommending INLICA contractors.

National Report: Tony Cain is the new Region 3 Vice President for LICA, and Bob Clark II has become the National Vice President.

Area Directors Reports: All areas report being wet making working conditions less than ideal.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report of her activities. She found the insurance meeting to be money well spent with good collaboration and ideas.

Technical Advisor: Mike Cox reported that the new NRCS chief director, Matt Lohr is a farmer and has some good objectives to streamline the system. There were 1783 EQIP applications filed with \$20 million available for projects. The EQIP process can be started any time. Contact Mike if you have any problems with making applications in the local office. NRCS received good funding in the new farm bill. Mike talked about a good article in the recent INLICA newsletter about two-stage ditches. He pointed out that researchers are seeing benefits from these structures. This might be a good subject to feature at a convention session. NCRS is going to be hiring and placing more technical people to assist the area conservationists with their workload.

Legislative Advisor: Jarrod Hahn has emailed a suggestion to do a pipeline safety and penalties for incidences session for the summer meeting. A demonstration would be interesting. There are no state legislative issues of interest right now. On the national front, water quality issues will be considered again in the near future.

Old Business:

State Fair Exhibit: John Pickering reported he is having trouble making contact with Gary Emsweller who is in charge of the Pioneer Village. James stated Ron Schlatter is planning to let his Buckeye machine be displayed. It would require a space 7 feet wide by 16 feet long. Members suggested contacting Jim Beaty or Jeff Boyer for other contacts with the fair. John requested more contractor pictures for the panels. Mike Cox offered to ask about INLICA displaying information about the septic insurance program at the water quality area at the fair.

James reported that there have been some changes made in the national septic program. One year will be given to sell the program, and if not successful, it will go away.

New Business:

Nanci Gutwein reported she is going to send out a survey that will have a pick list of choices rather than just open ended questions. She asked members to make suggestions for what choices to include.

Nanci also announced that Case is offering to host a group of about 15 INLICA members for a 3 day summer tour in Tomahawk, WI. If you are interested, let Nanci know.

A discussion about meetings this year included: Bio Town, Reynolds, IN for the north area meeting in January; summer education meeting with a tour of McAllister near Shelbyville; next board meeting on June 1 or June 15 possibly at Bio Town; and a member callout meeting with board meeting in August or September.

The following people were presented for associate memberships:

Oles Engineering Corp., Michael Oles, Jr. of Whitestown, IN

For regular membership:

R.L. Coon Excavation of Rushville, IN

Ike's Sewer Service, Bill Banks of Lafayette, IN

Proficient Drainage, Brad Chew of Winchester, IN and second member Josh Clouse

Nanci reported that national dues for additional members are just \$15 each.

Chris Smidler moved to accept these new members. Troy Warweg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The subject of the organization website and its limitations was brought to the attention of members. After some discussion, James Ramsey suggested a new web server be procured and build a new site from scratch. He stated that the new site needs to be mobile friendly and Google verified. It would include contractor and associate information. Nanci has talked to the Missouri LICA executive director, Debbie, who does development and upkeep for some of the organization websites already. Nanci wanted to be able to do the updates herself. The cost to have Debbie help would be \$2500 to set up the website and \$200 per quarter to maintain it. The board consensus was to ask Debbie to create the website and if possible, train Nanci to do updates. Another use for the website is to coordinate needs and fulfillment of needs allowing any member to post and anyone to see the posts. New Jersey is just starting this service on their website.

Nanci asked about preferences for new shirts. Chris Smidler requested full button up shirts with a pocket.

There being no further business, Chris Smidler moved to adjourn. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	James Ramsey
Vice-President -	Bryan Noggle
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Directors -	Joe Stull
SW Directors -	Rob Wood
SE Directors -	John Pickering
Associate Directors -	Troy Warweg Chris Calisto
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
INLICA ladies -	Brenda Noggle Sally Smidler
Guest -	Benjamin Cox