

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

The Fourth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at the Renaissance Indianapolis Marriott North Hotel in Carmel, IN on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 10:02AM.

Chris Smidler moved to have an open agenda. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting had been emailed to board members. Guilford Wehr moved to accept the minutes as reported. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Chris Smidler, presented the written treasurer's report. Total assests = \$210,589.11. This does include some monies that have been filtering in from 2024 dues. Nothing has been paid out to National LICA as of yet. The first round of payments to National will go out December 31st 2023. Keith Miller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Tony Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President's Report: Joe Stull reported that things have been very busy. There was a good afternoon spent at the Membership/Family Day at Fair Oaks. He is hoping for good attendance at our upcoming state convention.

National Report: Tony Cain reported that he attended the National LICA meeting in November via zoom. The winter convention in Virginia Beach was discussed at that time. Tony commented that nothing much new is going on. There was a discussion about the succession of both Jerry and Eileen on the National staff.

Area Directors Report: Guilford Wehr commented that he has been busy. That was the general consensus said by all.

Executive Directors Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities. She added that she has also attended an Executive Directors meeting via zoom in November. There was a discussion regarding the Hamilton County contact that she had made, she hoped that it will provide additional assistance in locating speakers as well as signage for convention. Nanci also reported that she has not spoken with Craig Douglass regarding the Drainage Expo in Indianapolis 2025.

Technical Advisors Report: Mike Cox handed out the newest Price Survey in the works. This was discussed at length and changes/clarifications were made to wording and columns in an effort to make it less confusing. The new form will be sent out prior to convention, as well as

being available at convention for contractors to fill out. Mike reported that the NRCS is currently under a continuing resolution through most likely January 18, possibly early February. A new State Conservationist was named, and will officially begin on December 18th. Her name is Damirs Mortenson and she has been with the NRCS for a long time. Her background and education make her a good fit with INICA as well. The Farm Bill has been extended for another year. Mike commented that there is still money out there and encouraged those interested to get signed up for funding. The inflation reduction act was also discussed briefly. There is currently more money for conservation in the state than we've ever had.

Tony Cain brought up the subject of CO2 injection sites. Many were unaware of their purpose. James Ramsey explained that there is a surplus of ethanol being produced and the current thought process of creating these sites is to inject it back into the ground where it essentially dissipates. There is currently not a process in place for this practice (permitting, etc.) and this is a concern. Farm Bureau is also getting involved for compensation/mineral rights purposes. This conversation brought up the "Tech Park " that is going in North of Lafayette. One purpose is to create an Economic Development Water Science Assessment. When published, it will be a Science Document. An area of concern will be the pumping of water from Lafayette to Lebanon. A Task Force was put together for water resource management and to determine if this is the best use of resources for our state. Their first meeting will be in December. A bill for this will be passed January 6th, and will most likely be a fight at the State House. The Water Table was also discussed.

Legislative Advisors Report: While there is still no acting Legislative Advisor currently serving on the board, James Ramsey reported on the IN Drainage Task Force he had been a part of. He commented that it was a waste of time and there was no final report. It was brought up that DNR is changing permitting with anything to do with Rivers and Streams. Currently the general permit is very broad. It should be updated by next summer. James also reported on the Indiana Drainage Handbook. It is incredibly dated and needs to be redone. Hopes are that Kendall Culp will get approval to have it updated. INLICA and Farm Bureau were both mentioned as sources to help with this endeavor. There are hopes to also have you tube videos created for job scenarios creating both "what to do" and "what NOT to do" situations. Land has been offered up to create these videos/work sites. This would be a publicity opportunity for INLICA, however not monetary.

Education Advisors Report: Currently no report at this time as there has been no word from Jane Frankenberger.

Old Business: Convention 2024 was discussed and more topics were suggested for Nanci to put on the schedule. The 2025 Drainage expo was again brought up and a more in depth conversation was had regarding the likelihood of having INLICA associates be able to display at a discounted cost at the Expo. Nanci said she would get dates reserved at a hotel for our 2025 convention just in case being able to hold our trade show at the Drainage Expo falls through.

New Business: The following people were nominated for regular membership: James Stanger, James Stanger Excavating Inc. of Bloomington, IN; Associate membership: Mike Norman with

Marathon Pipe Line, LLC in Findlay, OH; Dual membership: Steven Putt, ElectriCom LLC in Paoli, IN. A discussion was had regarding ElectriCom and what services they provide. Tony reported that they have a simulator that could possibly be brought to convention. It was agreed that this would be a good draw/addition to convention. Nanci felt that this company worked well as both a regular and associate member, and that we would benefit to list them dually. Chris Smidler made a motion to approve the members, James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nanci Gutwein, Executive Director

Attendees:

President-	Joe Stull
Vice-President-	Keith Miller
National VP-	Tony Cain
Treasurer-	Chris Smidler
Executive Director-	Nanci Gutwein
Technical Advisor-	Mike Cox
NE Director-	Todd Gross
	Guilford Wehr
SE Director-	James Ramsey
NW Director-	John Hack (zoom)
Associate Board-	Neal Hall

Members not attending:

NW Director	Paul Pence
	Rebecca Scott
SW Director	Dean Neiswinger
	William Harriman
	Rob Wood
NE Director	Kevin Hohman
SE Director	Mike Koehne
	John Pickering
Associate Board	Steve Holtzleiter
	Brendan Noggle
At-Large	Bryan Noggle