

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Fifth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel, IN, on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 5:00 p.m. EST.

James Ramsey moved to have an open agenda. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 2023 meeting had been emailed to board members. Bryan Noggle moved to accept the minutes as reported. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smider read the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$234,753.11. James Ramsey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Kevin Hohman seconded the motion. The motion passed. Nanci Gutwein presented the budget for 2024. She had to raise the budget in some areas. One area of significant expense is the printing of the directories. She asked if it would be agreeable to provide a file with the directory information to members that they could reference or print themselves. The information will also be available on the website. Nanci also reported that the Alliance CD matures soon and that First Financial Bank is offering a 5 month or 11 month CD at 5.15% interest which is much more than Alliance is offering. Tony Cain moved that when the Alliance CD matures and the convention expense is paid, Nanci move the CD funds and money market funds from Alliance to an 11 month CD at First Financial Bank at 5.15%. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents's Report: Joe Stull reported he has had a busy year and is looking forward to the National convention in Virginia.

National Report: Tony Cain reported that Allison Hack and Caroline Krug will be representing National at the Indiana convention. Tony attended the Utility Expo and Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. He is planning to attend the summer National convention in Nebraska. Tony announced the LICA Water Management Forum to be held Jun 13 and 14, 2024 at St. Joseph College at Rensselaer, Indiana. This event will be open to vendors as well as attendees with education sessions and heavy equipment demonstrations. Veterans and high school students are especially invited to attend. Tony also talked about March Madness - a membership drive coming in March.

Area Directors' Reports: Rebecca Scott is moving from contractor status to associate as she is now working for ADS. She nominated Darrell Birge to take her place as a Northwest Director.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities which have been mostly focused on convention preparations. Nanci reported that she had received word that Steve Wilson passed away earlier in January. Nanci had received a thank you note from Karli Miller, this year's scholarship recipient.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox stated that the NRCS update had been given earlier in the afternoon and he had copies available of the presentation. So far he has received one pricing survey. He also reported that NRCS will be assisting with training at St. Joseph College.

Legislative Report: Mike Koehne reported that several bills are being presented in the Indiana Legislature:

HP 1383 - Defining Wetlands

HP 1401 - DNR Bill has to do with the use of ATV's etc.

HP 1394 - DNR flood hazard data

SP 140 - Log jam removal

SP 184 - Removal of debris from ditches and streams

On the federal level:

EPA Herbicide Strategic Plan - having to do with runoff

Old Business:

The 2025 North American Conservation and Drainage Expo (NACADE) is scheduled to take place at Grand Park in Westfield, IN. Nanci had emailed board members with details about the Expo and made some suggestions about INLICA participation. After some discussion, it was determined that INLICA would like to participate in the Expo and include state convention events at the same time. A group offered to discuss a plan and bring it to the annual meeting.

New Business:

Members - Two associates were nominated for membership:

Pinion Global from Kansas

Boyd & Sons Machinery from Washington, Indiana

Chris Smidler moved to accept these members. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Bryan Noggle moved to adjourn the meeting. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Joe Stull
Vice-President -	Keith Miller
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
National Officer -	Tony Cain
Region III VP -	Adam Cook
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	Rebecca Scott
	John Hack II
NE Director -	Todd Gross
	Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	William Harriman
SE Director -	John Pickering
	James Ramsey
	Mike Koehne
At-Large -	Bryan Noggle
Associates -	Neal Hall
	Brendan Noggle
	Steve Holtzleiter
Member -	Darrell Birge

Members not attending:

NW Director -	Paul Pence
NE Director -	Guil Wehr, Jr.
SW Director -	Dean Neiswinger
	Rob Wood