

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Saturday, March 18, 2023

The First Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at Walt's Pub in West Lafayette, IN, on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 10:15 a.m.

Keith Miller moved to have an open agenda. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting had been emailed to board members. James Ramsey moved to accept the minutes as reported. Rebecca Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented for Chris Smider the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$215,645.92. This balance reflects paid expenses for the convention. Keith Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents's Report: Joe Stull reported he attended National convention and Con-Expo and that they were tiring, but good shows.

National Report: Tony Cain reported he attended the National convention and was elected National Vice-President. Adam Cook is now the Region III Vice-President. Further items from National: There were discussions about changing facilities when in Las Vegas. The price would be higher, but a better facility is needed. The Drainage Book is three chapters from being finished. Several problems have prevented timely publication. September is now the target date for publication. The next four conventions will take place in Lincoln NE - summer of '23; Virginia Beach, VA - winter of '24; Pittsburgh, PA - summer of '24; and Jacksonville, FL - winter of '25. Tony also reported that the Veteran's Foundation training program will take place in four locations this year: Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, and one other state. Fund drives are going on and small grants being applied for to support this program.

Area Directors' Reports: Rebecca Scott commented that the "weather sucks." Other board members agreed.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities. She received a call from David Wood with Rosendin looking for contractors in the Evansville and Fort Wayne areas to help with consulting work and repairs for drainage in solar farms. Tony Cain volunteered to give general consulting help. Nanci sent around a thank you note she had written for her gift from INLICA at the banquet.

Technical Advisor: Mike Cox passed out the results of the pricing survey. There were 13 responses. Mike will share the results with other NRCS employees to use. The survey will be repeated next year. He passed out cards from Marathon Pipe Line with a QR code that links to the documentary "Three Seconds Later."

Standing Committee Reports:

Budget Committee - Rebecca Scott moved to reinstate the Purdue scholarship of \$2,000 per year going to an applicant with an agriculture related major. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Indiana Agri-Business - Darrell Birge stated that his contact doesn't recommend trying to obtain information from this source. Rebecca Scott talked about legislative reports that are fairly easily obtainable. She will send them to Nanci so they can be distributed.

New Business:

Nanci is organizing the mini Overholt training school with TSP training on a second day. One afternoon will feature a backhoe rodeo. After some discussion, June 29 and 30, 2023, were selected for this educational event. It will take place at McAllister Rentals in Lafayette, IN. The second regular board meeting will take place on Thursday, June 29 after the training.

2023 Golf Scramble - Brenden Noggle reported he has chosen The Trophy Club at Lebanon, IN, for the golf scramble. This location has reasonable prices and there are good hotel accommodations. The event will take place on Friday, June 16, 2023.

It is time to renew our support of ADMC. James Ramsey moved to invest \$1500 in ADMC. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The golf outing put on by National is looking for tee sponsors. Each tee costs \$250. James Ramsey moved to sponsor one tee. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Members - The following people were nominated for regular membership: Chris Retter with Retter Drainage & Excavating LLC of Lynn, IN, Nate Miller with M Farms of Brookston, IN; Associate membership: Susan Heredia with First Financial Bank of Indianapolis, IN. Tony Cain moved to accept these new members. Rebecca Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed. Tony talked about National having a membership challenge between the state chapters. The competition covers November through January. An award is given to the state with the most new members. New Jersey won this year.

Joe Stull suggested members invite FFA kids to the educational event in June. James Ramsey suggested a meal be provided on Thursday night for everyone attending and have the backhoe rodeo on Friday afternoon.

There being no further business, Rebecca Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Joe Stull
Vice-President -	Keith Miller
National VP -	Tony Cain
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	Rebecca Scott
SW Director -	Rob Wood
NE Director -	Guilford Wehr, Jr. Todd Gross
SE Director -	John Pickering James Ramsey
Associate Board -	Brendan Noggle
INLICA Member -	Darrell Birge

Members not attending:

NW Director -	Paul Pence John Hack II
NE Director -	Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	Dean Neiswinger William Harriman
SE Director -	Mike Koehne
Associate Board -	Steve Holtzleiter Neal Hall
At-Large	Chris Smidler Bryan Noggle