

**INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

The Third Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at Fair Oaks Farm in Fair Oaks, IN, on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 10:15 a.m. EDST.

Chris Smidler moved to have an open agenda. Rebecca Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting had been emailed to board members. Rebecca Scott moved to accept the minutes as reported. Todd Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smider referenced the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$202,298.26. Nanci Gutwein reported that the Alliance CD will expire in January and at that time it will be placed into a money market account at First Financial Bank where it will earn much more interest. The \$2,000 for the scholarship this year has yet to be moved from the Ladies Account to the Main Account. Also half of the golf outing proceeds for charity (\$2,000 to 3,000) will be coming out of the Main Account. Guilford Wehr, Jr. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents's Report: Joe Stull reported he attended National in Lincoln, NE and remarked that there were good sessions. He also stated his work has been busy this summer.

National Report: Nanci has information about the convention in Virginia Beach.

Area Directors' Reports: Rebecca Scott reported that the crops are starting to be harvested so much work will be available soon.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities. She reported that the only scholarship applicant this year was Karli Miller, daughter of Keith Miller. The Purdue scholarship is set up waiting for applicants.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox shared a news release put out on September 28 announcing availability of \$3 billion for Climate-Smart Practices on Agricultural Lands. Mike noted that conservation funding for Indiana is \$40 million for 2023 and by 2026 is scheduled to be \$120 million. If the congress doesn't reach an agreement for more funding by tonight and the government shuts down, there will only be a few employees available for emergencies. Mike suggests during any shutdown for jobs in NRCS programs, document worksites with pictures to prove the work was done.

Old Business:

The 2025 Drainage Expo is scheduled to take place at Grand Park in Westfield, IN. The dates are January 21-23, 2025. INLICA will piggyback onto this Expo for the state convention. Nanci hopes to get discounted rates for our trade show and meeting rooms. She will be checking with the Expo people about which days will work best for our meetings and about working with smaller sized associates to allow them to have reasonable rates for their booths.

New Business:

2024 state convention - Nanci needs suggestions for session topics, speakers and entertainment. A drainage survey will be available at convention in January.

The Drainage Workshop has been re-scheduled for June 6 & 7, 2024, in Rensselaer, IN, at the old St. Joseph College campus. This is where the National Veteran's training will be held.

The Drainage Book was slated for September rollout, but is hasn't been sent yet.

There being no further business, Todd Gross moved to adjourn the meeting. William Harriman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Joe Stull
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	Rebecca Scott
NE Director -	Todd Gross
	Guilford Wehr, Jr.
	Gabe Pankop
SW Director -	William Harriman
SE Director -	John Pickering
At-Large -	Bryan Noggle
Guest -	Jason Gutwein

Members not attending:

NW Director -	Paul Pence
	John Hack II
NE Director -	Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	Dean Neiswinger
	Rob Wood
SE Director -	Mike Koehne
	James Ramsey
Associate Board -	Steve Holtzleiter
	Neal Hall
	Brenden Noggle
At-Large	Tony Cain