

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 17, 2025

The Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at the Purdue Ag Center in West Lafayette, IN, on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Miller at 5:00 p.m. EDST.

Chris Smidler moved to have an open agenda. Brendon Sasser seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the First Regular meeting in March, 2025, had been emailed to board members. Todd Gross moved to accept the minutes as presented. Sam Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smidler read the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$182,198.06. The Ladies Savings account has a balance of \$13,043.96. Guilford Wehr, Jr. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Brendon Sasser seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Josh Shuler from Agri-Drain offered his company's resources including automated systems that might be used in next's year's drainage project at Purdue which includes two such structures.

Presidents's Report: Keith Miller reported he has been busy with the Purdue Acre farm project. Before the project started there was a pre-construction meeting and then the work began June 9 on the mains. He will attend National in Duluth, MN.

National Report: Tony Cain reported that the National board has accepted Jerry's retirement exit plan. Jerry will leave December 31, 2025. Eileen will continue to pursue a QuickBooks person as she will be leaving completely on July 1, 2025. The report from the audit is due soon. The Executive Directors want to meet with the National board at the convention in Duluth.

Area Director's Report: Board members stated that some areas are too wet, while other areas are dry. Some areas of the state were not able to plant crops because of continuing excessive rains. One area had a large acreage of soybeans that had to be replanted because of destruction by high winds.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report of her activities. Her recent activities have been centered on the field day happening tomorrow. She also spoke about the meetings of the executive directors and their concerns.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox passed out the pricing survey results. He stated the results look reasonable. About 10 surveys were submitted. Nanci will distribute the surveys to the membership. Mike reported that NRCS lost several employees in the government re-organization plan. Some offices are not currently staffed, so please be patient. The system is uncertain about funding for next year. Mike also passed around a press release on practices not widely used. Nanci will include it in the next newsletter.

Legislative Report: Tony Cain told the board that he attended the Celebration of Construction on the Mall event in Washington, D.C. John Hack reported that he is continuing to serve on the waste water committee for the State of Indiana. A new draft for the septic code is available on line. The work with local governments on ordinances has been halted as of 2025.

Education Advisor's Report: Jane Frankenburger stated that Rachel Stevens and Laura Boling will both be involved in the education session at the field day tomorrow. Adam Henderson will be talking about ground penetrating radar and its use in locating tile. Jane is still very involved in the Conservation Drainage Network and would like to see more involvement in that group.

Old Business:

The Purdue Field Day will be taking place tomorrow. The gathering location will be the main shop at the ACRE farm. Vendors will be available at 8 a.m. with a safety meeting at 8:45 a.m. Field work on main installation will begin at 9 a.m. People movers will take attendees to the field site. About 100 people have registered to attend. The trench rescue event is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Keith stated there is about 1400 feet of main to install and he will split that between morning and afternoon.

New Business:

Those who will be attending National in Duluth, MN. are Darrell Birge and Keith Miller. Nate Miller moved to pay hotel and travel expenses for Darrell, Keith and Nanci Gutwein. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nanci Gutwein shared with the board a list of critical concerns that the executive directors have been discussing in recent meetings. There was a discussion among the board that these concerns need to be presented to the National board and worked out. States need to be recruiting new members.

Nanci welcomes convention topics throughout the year. The board came up with the following suggestions: Suicide prevention, 811 updates, National Pipe Institute presentation, weather app, Quickbooks, OSHA/CPR training, hearing testing.

A person from a business called EVOLV contacted Nanci. This company offers website platforms, marketing, credit card processing, etc. They are asking to become an associate member of INLICA. As the products are used, INLICA could receive revenue from this relationship. Nanci will do more research before making a recommendation.

Nanci asked for suggestions for the September family/ membership event. Please forward all ideas to Nanci.

Steve Holtzleiter announced Hydromaxx will be having a field day at Upland, IN, on July 23, 2025. This is a multi-state event. INLICA members are invited to attend. Nanci plans to go.

Nanci was contacted by NACADE to announce that their next event will be in Peoria, IL., January 12-14, 2027.

Nanci received the education dividend from UFG/Prins Insurance in the amount of \$5740.

The dates for the Indiana State convention will be January 28-30, 2026.

Nanci has become aware that Neal Hall, an associate board member, is no longer with West Side Tractor. She has contacted West Side Tractor to see if they have a replacement for this board position. She has received no response yet.

John Pickering spoke about a new banner for the state fair exhibit he has put together. It will be entitled "Clay Drain Tile" featuring information from the Drainage book and pictures provided by the Bill Swain family and Mike Koehne. The cost will be approximately \$175. Todd Gross moved to pay for the banner. John Hack II seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A question came up about distribution of the Drainage book. Nanci will make up the inserts and bring them to the September board meeting. Board members will be responsible to deliver the books to local libraries and schools.

There being no further business, Nate Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Keith Miller
Vice-President -	Nate Miller
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
National Off & NW-	Tony Cain
Education Advisor -	Jane Frankenburger
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	Sam Baker
	John Hack II
SE Director -	John Pickering
	Brendon Sasser
NE Director -	Todd Gross
	Guilford Wehr, Jr.
At-Large -	Joe Stull
Member -	Darrell Birge
Associate Board -	Steve Holtzleiter
Associate Member -	Josh Shuler
Guest -	Kaden Miller
	Logan Hunt