

**INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

The Fourth Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at Grand Park in Westfield, IN, on Saturday, December 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 9:57 a.m. EST.

Todd Gross moved to have an open agenda. Guilford Wehr, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 2024 meeting had been emailed to board members. James Ramsey moved to accept the minutes as reported. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smidler read the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$197,878.85. Nanci Gutwein reported that some dues are starting to come in. Keith Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents's Report: Joe Stull reported he has been busy with good weather for working.

National Report: Tony Cain had emailed a few updates from National. Eileen will be retiring on December 31. There has been an injunction filed concerning BOI filing.

Area Directors' Reports: NW - John Hack II reported he has had a good year and with the good weather, he has kept busy; SE - Mike Koehne reported he has been busy due to the decent ground conditions. He has been to DC a couple of times to testify before congressional committees. He participated in a Shark Farmer radio interview in which he was able to talk about the drainage industry; NE - Todd Gross reported his area has had good weather with a lot of work being accomplished, although it is fairly dry. He is seeing some scale back in work for some.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities. Most of her efforts have concentrated on the convention lately.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox commented that with the new incoming administration, there will be changes in the agriculture area of the government. A new Secretary of Agriculture and a new chief of NRCS will be named. He talked about the results of the pricing survey and invited members to make suggestions for any improvements in the survey. Suggestions were made as to how to spur more participation. Mike encouraged members to check with local NRCS offices if they are interested in programs.

Legislative Report: James Ramsey talked about 811 rule changes starting January 1, 2025. He reported the proposed water sharing from Lafayette to Lebanon has been cancelled. Water will still be an issue in the next session of the legislature. The drainage code may be opened for changes. The Drainage Handbook is being rewritten with advise from a 16 member panel. James stated that property tax reform should happen as Governor elect Braun wants to push back levels to what they were in 2021 and start from there.

Mike Koehne confirmed that property taxes will be a hot topic. He also stated that some are talking of regulating irrigation. The EPA is set to put into place many more regulations that would affect

drainage contractors including herbicide plans and endangered species. Changes in fuel standards are also being looked at.

Old Business:

Nanci Gutwein gave the schedule for INLICA convention activities. Volunteers are needed for the INLICA booth at NACADE. Nanci stated that Illinois Executive Director, Ryan Arch had emailed her offering a LICA promotional video, which he will customize for our state for a cost of \$100. John Hack II moved to purchase the video. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nanci stated that a drainage project at the Purdue Acre Farm is in the planning stage. It has 200 acres and will involve an INLICA field day.

New Business:

Nanci Gutwein had received applications for two new associate members:

Brice Black with the City of Rensselaer, Indiana  
Marion Tile Company of Fredericktown, Ohio

She also noted a change in the member person for Underground Contractors of New Haven, IN. It is now Adam Scheiderer. James Ramsey moved to accepted the new members. Todd Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Area Meetings - Nanci will check on availability of someone from 811 to present training and rules changes for an area meeting. She will let members know.

For the winter National convention, Keith Miller and Chris Smidler will attend as INLICA representatives.

INLICA members have been invited by Illinois LICA to attend an event on July 26, 2025 at Badlands Off Road Park in Attica, IN.

There being no further business, Keith Miller moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Stull 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
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	John Hack II
	Sam Baker
	Nate Miller
SE Director -	John Pickering
	James Ramsey
	Mike Koehne
SW Director -	Rob Wood
NE Director -	Todd Gross
	Guilford Wehr, Jr.
Associates -	Neal Hall
Guest -	Owen Hack

Members not attending:

NE Director -	Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	Dean Neiswinger
	William Harriman
Associates -	Brenden Noggle
	Steve Holtzleiter