



**Indiana District Employees Association
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016
IASWCD Annual Conference @ Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
Rm #7**

S-SW - Erika Burkemper-Fischer, President
N-NW - Rose Morgan, Vice President
N-SE - Cindy Newkirk, Treasurer (absent)
S-NE - Mary Lou Musselman, Secretary

S-NW - Eric Shideler
N-NE - Julie Knudson
S-SE - Terry Ault
N-SW - Martha Miller

Erika Burkemper-Fischer, president called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes:

No Previous minutes were read or distributed.

Treasurer Report:

No treasurer's report was given.

AGENDA: open discussion meeting

Welcome & Introductions: Erika welcomed those in attendance and introduced the IDEA Region Directors.

Partnership Updates:

Jane Hardisty, NRCS, spoke to the group in appreciation of the good partnership and the accomplishments that were completed in 2015.

- She also spoke on topics of:
- praise to all 92 districts completing the recent survey.
 - Contribution agreements
 - CRP, PSS- in order to get DC's out in the field
 - CCSI – hiring fulltime director
 - Slide Scanning – back to 1997 wetlands
 - May 10 Employee All Partnership meeting @ Hendricks Co.

Jennifer Boyle-Warner, IASWCD, thanked all those present for attending the conference.

- She also spoke on topics of:
- District board meeting visits from her, Jane & Jordan Seger.
 - Contribution Agreements
 - CRP, PSS
 - Legislative Training day
 - NACD stewardship materials halted
 - IASWCD Ass't. Director opening

IDEA Updates:

- Erika informed the group that we will accept 2016 IDEA membership dues through March 31.
- The NNE region will be hosting the 2016 Fall IDEA conference on Oct. 5-7 @ the Oakwood Resort.
- She clarified that Fall conference scholarships are to be use for the following IDEA conference.
- Silent Auction information
- Poster contest – mainstreaming the dates for state contest.
- Introduction of 1st time IASWCD conference attendees and had them introduce themselves.

- Introduced Steve Lira, undergrad student at Purdue

Steve Lira informed the group of the Purdue University Research project involving a Cover Crop economics study and the help they would like to have in finding participating farmers in the 16 eligible counties. He handed out a sheet of information about the project along with his contact info.

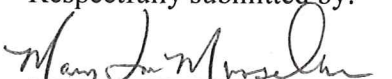
Erika introduced Gene Schmidt, NACD and LaPorte County supervisor. He spoke of the newly formed relationship with NACD and Smithfield Foods. Smithfield Foods is sponsoring the Envirothon contest. They also are asking their employees to donate 2 calendar days/year to a conservation event. The only Indiana Smithfield Foods plant is in Miami County. SWCD's in Miami and surrounding counties need to be aware of this possible volunteer listing for conservation events and make contact with Smithfield Foods.

Meeting adjourned at Approx. 8:15 p.m.

2016 meetings: March 29, May 24, July TBD, Sept. 20, Oct 5-7 IDEA Fall Conference, Dec. 8

****Next IDEA meeting: March 29**** Farm Bureau Building Indianapolis, IN

Respectfully submitted by:


Mary Lou Musselman, Secretary


Erika Burkemper-Fischer, President