

**Minutes**  
**Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council**  
**August 9, 2013**

President Amy Kraft called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon at Marion County Extension Office located at the Indiana State Fair Grounds in Indianapolis. Those present were:

Tom Bechman, Indiana Prairie Farmer

Bill Field, Purdue University

Amy Kraft, IFBI

Roger Tormoehlen, Purdue University

Steve Wettschurack, Purdue University

The Minutes of the July 18 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- The meeting site was the Farm Bureau building not Farm Bureau Insurance Building.
- Judy Taylor works for Farm Bureau, Inc. not Farm Bureau Insurance.
- Harwood should be capitalized.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss and plan for the three Council sponsored worker safety training program for young and beginning workers in the grain industry. The three dates are as follows:

- September 11 – Beck Agricultural Center at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- October 2 – Brock Manufacturing, Milford, IN
- October 16 – FFA Center, Trafalgar, IN

Amy got a quote for hard hats at less than \$6.00.

It was agreed that if a school Ag Ed Program brought a bus load of participants, that the Council would help offset some of the cost. Ernie Sheldon would be contacted to see what level of funding was used last fall for the forum.

Efforts would be made to get a representative from the grain industry to speak at each training session about careers in the industry and the importance that the industry is placing on safety.

Tom Bechman agreed to help promote these events on his website. He needed some photos to use for the story.

Steve Wettschurack discussed the Safety Day at Fair Oaks Farms on August 3 that attracted over 2,600 participants. A variety of safety topics were addressed.

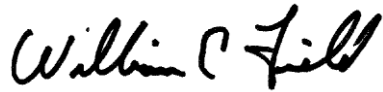
Amy Kraft discussed the need to identify a topic for the next FFA Magazine safety ad. Two topics were brought up – ATV safety and preventing dog bites.

Tom Bechman raised the concern over the incidents that have occurred recently that indicates that extremely young children are being put in harm's way in some farm settings with little supervision. The recent incident in which a small child was run over by a skid steer loader was discussed.

Even though there are three safety events being planned, it was decided that the council would host a Farm Safety Week Media Day on September 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis. Tom Bechman would help get the word out to the farm media, Bill Field would prepare a short summary of farm-related fatalities and injuries, and efforts would be made to invite a farm family that has been impacted by a recent farm related injury or loss. The purpose would be to assist the media in promoting farm safety through the fall harvest.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in conjunction with the Farm Safety Week Media Day on September 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William C. Field". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F".

Bill Field  
Secretary