

Minutes

Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council

March 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order with the following individuals present:

Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Don Beeler, Indiana State Department of Health
Suzanne Bingman, Farm Bureau Insurance
Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers
Bill Field, Purdue University
Mac Legault, Indiana State University
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University

Ernie Sheldon provided the following summary of the Council's financial status.

• Savings account	\$ 15,123.98
• Checking account	\$ 8,770.72
• CD	<u>\$ 8,326.66</u>
	\$ 32,221.36

Bill Field reported that the 2005 membership statements were mailed out with the last set of minutes. He encouraged everyone to help solicit members.

Mac Legault reported on efforts by ASAE to develop a safety standard for used agricultural equipment. He is working on the committee to draft the standard.

Activities at State Fair were discussed. The grain bin safety display will remain in the Young Farmer's Building and plans are underway to have a display that includes information on the impact of arthritis on farmers that will be in the Farm Bureau Building. A discussion about a display on the problem of methamphetamines and its impact on farmers was also considered.

Don Beeler mentioned that they have a new Health Commissioner and that efforts should be made to alert him to the work of the Council.

A motion was made to support the updated resource directory being produced at Purdue. It will be distributed to about 1,500 professionals across rural Indiana.

Ernie Sheldon reported on his efforts to re-introduce the Youth Safety Camp. The first one is scheduled for June 23-25, 2006 at the FFA Camp. Farm Bureau is helping support this effort with the goal of having 100 youth, ages 16-17 in attendance. He will be looking for potential sponsors.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to planning the Agricultural Safety and Health Forum. It was scheduled for September 14th and will run from about 9:00 a.m. – 2:00

p.m. with lunch provided to registrants. Drs. Sheldon and Legault agreed to arrange for the event to be held at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. It was agreed that the theme would build on last year's effort to develop a strategic plan for the Council and to focus on the topic of illegal methamphetamine production and its impact on Indiana agriculture. Efforts will be made at the next meeting to work out an agenda and identify potential sponsors.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 10th at 9:00 a.m. at Farm Bureau.

Submitted by,

W.E. Field
Secretary