

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
May 24, 2007
Farm Bureau Building
Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was opened by President Lisa Chaudion with the following individuals present:

Rick Ainsworth, Farm Bureau Insurance
Anna Ariens, Executive Director, Indiana FFA
Lisa Chaudion, Indiana Young Farmers
Bill Field, Purdue University
Wayne Newhart, Retired, REMC
Ernie Sheldon, Indiana State University

The minutes were approved with two changes: the addition of recent legislative actions related to safety, and switching the line item identifiers for the Endowment Account and the Money Market Account.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed. It is summarized as follows:

Treasurer's Report Summary May 24, 2007	
Savings	6,109.78
Checking	4,410.61
CD (matures 6/20/07)	20,000.00
Money Market (Endowment)	10,301.08
Total Cash Assets	\$ 40,821.47

There was no old business.

Bill Field reported on the status of the Ag Safety and Health Directory. Farm Bureau has agreed to print 1,000 copies with a target date for completion in late August. It will be mailed out with an Ag Safety and Health Week Packet. (Thank you Farm Bureau!)

Activities at the 2007 Indiana State Fair were discussed. The mock grain bin and safety video display in the Young Farmer's Building will be checked out and updated as needed. It was decided to move the Purdue Grain Tug-of-War into the FFA Building with the intention that the FFA staff would help monitor it. A display on arthritis and farming will be located in the Farm Bureau Building along with the modified tractor for disabled farmers.

Plans for the 2007 Ag Safety and Health Forum were reviewed. At the time, confirmation had not been received from Cummins Engine Company to host the event in Columbus. (Confirmation has now been received.) Details include:

- Site location – (need directions and details from Gene Wever)
- Date – September 12, 2007
- Lunch and breaks will be catered on site. (Need a sponsor – any ideas?)
- Lisa Chaudion will explore an off-site facility to conduct a hands-on ATV safety program for attending youth.
- A hold-the-date card will be prepared for distribution at the State Fair and general mailing.
- The possibility of hosting a tractor driving event for youth was also considered. This would also be off-site.
- Gene Wever is our Cummins contact.

Nominations for the 2007 Council Recognition Awards were discussed. The forms are on-line at www.farmsafety.org. It was agreed that nominations will be discussed further at the next meeting.

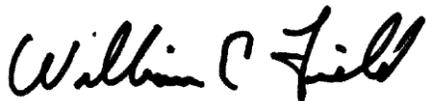
Bill Field apologized for the delay in getting the membership mailings out. This will be done by mail with the next set of minutes.

Wayne Newhart shared his concerns with the need for more electrical hazard awareness. There continues to be a lack of awareness over the extreme hazards of overhead power lines and broad misuse of GFCIs. It was decided that the Ag Safety and Health Forum would include an electrical safety presentation. One item Wayne demonstrated was a simple voltage indicator that could save lives.

Another topic needing attention is the ending of the seatbelt exemption for most farm pickup trucks. This takes place July and farmers will need to become more aware of the importance of seatbelt use.

The next meeting was set for July 24th at 9:00 a.m. at Farm Bureau in Indianapolis.

Submitted by,



W.E. Field
Secretary