

**Minutes**  
**Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council**  
**January 25, 2011**

The Council was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Lisa Chaudion at the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Building, Indianapolis. Those present were as follows:

Mary Addison – Indiana State Trauma Taskforce

Rick Ainsworth – Farm Bureau Insurance

Lisa Chaudion – FFA Foundation

Bill Field – Purdue University

Marty Huseman – Monsanto

Wayne Newhart – Retired Tipmont REMC

Ernie Sheldon – Indiana State University

Gayvin Strantz – Indiana REMC Statewide

Chuck Tiemann – Indiana Statewide

Steve Wettschurack – Purdue University

Since there were a couple of new attendees, introductions were made and a brief overview of the council was provided.

The minutes were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that the correct title for the meeting site was Indiana Statewide Association of REMC. The minutes were approved by voice vote with corrections.

Ernie Sheldon presented the Treasurer's Report which is attached. He reported that no income was received during the prior year (2010) from memberships. A membership invoice would be sent out with the next set of minutes and meeting announcement. Mary Addison asked if thought had been given to establishing a lifetime individual membership.

Lisa Chaudion, outgoing president led the confirmation of the 2011 Council officers. Wayne Newhart moved to accept the following slate of officers:

President – Amy Kraft

Vide President – Anna Ariens

Secretary – Bill Field

Treasurer – Ernie Sheldon

Rick Ainsworth seconded the motion and the slate was elected by unanimous ballot.

Loose ends regarding the 2010 Ag Safety and Health Forum were addressed including payment for the Beck Center rental and catering bill. Bill Field would put together a final bill.

A discussion took place on the proposed safety displays at the Indiana State Fair. The tentative plan is to set up the grain bin tug-a-war in the FFA Building, replace the video in the grain safety display in the Young Farmer building and work with the Purdue exhibit staff to build a new grain safety display for the Purdue exhibit in the Our Land Pavilion. The status of the Breaking New Ground exhibit and space in the Farm Bureau Building is uncertain.

Ernie Sheldon moved that we allocate \$1,200 to support the safety ads in the FFA Magazine. Amy Kraft will coordinate the actual ads. Motion was seconded by Rick Ainsworth and passed by voice vote.

Rick Ainsworth moved that the Council contribute \$400 for safety education programming at the Indiana Young Farmer's Conference in March. Motion seconded by Ernie Sheldon and passed by voice vote.

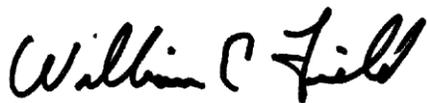
Steve Wettschurack reviewed the ongoing grain entrapment rescue training effort. Since June of 2010, 18 classes involving over 600 emergency first responders from nearly 100 fire departments have participated. Bill Field reported that Steve's position would soon become permanent based upon continued financial sustainability.

Bill Field distributed information on the new grain safety resources, Indiana AgrAbility Project and upcoming Arthritis and Agriculture Conference. He requested help in getting the information distributed.

Gayvin Strantz reported on the safety activities of Statewide REMC including educational programs. He encouraged collaboration wherever possible.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Farm Bureau Insurance. Everyone is welcome.

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 "W" and "F".

W.E. Field  
Secretary