

Minutes
Indiana Rural Safety & Health Council
March 20, 2012

Amy Kraft, President called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis. Those present were:

- Gina Anderson, Arthritis Foundation
- Anna Ariens, FFA
- Tom Bechman, Indiana Prairie Farmer
- Lisa Chaudion, FFA Foundation
- Bill Field, Purdue
- Amy Kraft, Farm Bureau
- Jim Rink, Farm Bureau
- Ernie Sheldon, ISU
- Steve Wettschurack, Purdue
- Amber Wolfe, Arthritis Foundation

The minutes of the July 7, 2011 and December 13, 2011 meetings were approved as distributed.

Ernie Sheldon provided a Treasurer's Report that remains unchanged from the one issued at the end of 2011. A summary is as follows:

Checking	\$1,775.55
Money Market	9,505.46
Savings	13,871.52
CD	20,000.00
TOTAL	\$45,152.53

Bill Field summarized recent activities related to the proposed changes to the child labor laws directly related to agriculture. He indicated that the Department of Labor would be re-issuing the proposal later this summer. The letter that Purdue sent to the Department of Labor was distributed with the minutes. He also reported that Purdue has conducted two webinars on the topic and has three more planned.

Steve Wettschurack reported on the ongoing grain rescue training. The promotion from the Indiana Prairie Farmer is greatly appreciated. To date, Steve has conducted 62 training events involving over 1,900 first responders. Steve is currently setting up some pilot farm rescue classes during the upcoming summer. Steve talked about the increase interest from FFA Chapters to promote grain bin rescue and safety training.

Lisa Chaudion promoted the various awards programs that Chapters can apply for. Awards include cash prizes for community service projects that promote safety. The project is sponsored by Pioneer Seeds.

Tom Bechman moved that authority be given to Bill Field to purchase a new order for both the Council coloring books. This may require renting a storage space to keep the material prior to filling orders.

Bill Field moved that the Council support the Indiana Young Farmers in the amount of \$400 to support their safety efforts at their Annual Conference. The motion was passed.

Ernie Sheldon moved that the Council support the Indiana State Safety Golf Outing in the amount of \$200. The motion was passed.

Tom Bechman moved that the Council pay for farm safety public service ads in upcoming issues of The FFA Impact magazine for the amount of \$1,500. The motion was passed. A discussion took place on the topics to be addressed including the upcoming Ag Safety and Health Forum and the role FFA Chapters are playing in promoting safety.

Discussion took place on the 2012 Ag Safety & Health Forum during the week of September 17-21. An effort is still being made to have it at the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm or the FFA Leadership Center. One focus of the Forum should be on what FFA Chapters are doing to promote farm rescue training. Amy will work on an ad in the FFA magazine. Other alternative sites were discussed, including:

- Clauss Manufacturing (Columbus)
- Dixie Chopper Conference Center (Greenfield)
- Purdue Beck Center (West Lafayette)

Ernie Sheldon moved that the Council provide travel allowances to no more than 25 Chapters for up to \$125 if no fewer than eight members to attend the Ag Safety & Health Forum. Motion passed.

The key youth components at the Forum should be held in the morning since schools will need to leave by early afternoon to get back to school.

A discussion took place on the election of officers and the need for officer candidates.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building.

Submitted by:



Bill Field
Secretary