

# 336th MEETING

## INDIANA STATE EGG BOARD

CRTN 2052 – Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN

November 1, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bryan Johnson, Tom Klump, Blair Kriner, Thomas Lafferty  
(electronically), Alex Seger, Margaret Titus, Skye Zakrzewski

Others Present: John Baugh, Director of Agricultural Services and Regulations; Dr. Mike Kopp, Director of Avian Health, IBOAH; Rebecca Eifert Joniskan, President of ISPA; Mark Straw, Executive Administrator, Indiana State Egg Board (electronically) and Melissa Geiger, Administrative Assistant, Indiana State Egg Board.

President Seger called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

No new attendees, no announcements. Meeting business began immediately.

The minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Titus, and seconded by Klump. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Financial Report. Transportation has finally charged for vehicle leases, and actually over-charged by approximately \$8,000, which will be refunded. An update was given on the Inspection Tool/Database Project. It is hoped that the inspection staff will be trained at the December 2023 Staff meeting, after the purchase of the hardware needed for the project. Motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Johnson and seconded by Titus. Motion passed unanimously.

John Baugh addressed the board regarding the administration of Egg Board funds through Purdue.

Geiger presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Audit Report. No firms were three quarters delinquent. Two firms were two quarters delinquent and ten firms (all registered at 5-250 cases per week) were one quarter delinquent at the time of the meeting. Five Farm Market/Wholesale and <5 cases per week Wholesale registrants are delinquent with two Biannual Reports, and thirty of those registrants are one report delinquent (last report due 6/30/23).

There were 12 new Farm Market Retail/Wholesale Combination accounts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, along with two new registrants at the Less than 5 Cases level, and one new registrant at the 5-250 Cases level. One firm, who stopped selling eggs, was listed as out of business.

Straw presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Field Staff Activity Report. It is good to see the numbers return to normal as all inspectors are active.

Straw presented the 2nd Quarter 2023 Field Staff Violations Report. Dirty fecal material found on the eggs inspected continues to be a problem. Also, lower quality of eggs that are being observed by inspectors could be due to hen health issues.

Dr. Kopp reported from the Board of Animal Health. High Path AI is now considered endemic in the US. It has also been found in mammals in the US. Infectious coryza has been reported in Ohio and northeastern Indiana counties. Coryza is not a reportable disease but the industry does contact BOAH to get vaccine approval.

Becky Joniskan of the Indiana State Poultry Association discussed changes to the NPIP program and some of the conversations happening around EPA air emissions/ammonia levels.

#### Office Update:

The redistribution of inspection routes is going well. There may still be some changes to better refine the distribution of work. When asking the inspectors to report on issues they are seeing, they have noticed increased quality issues by the same plants. The plants don't seem to care about quality, even when notified of the problem. Additionally, inspectors are finding that small retailers, such as, Dollar General stores are often operating with only one employee, who may or may not be a manager.

Since the Quazi-Endowment was not an option for public funds, Straw is now looking at the "TrustIndiana" investment pool as a possible vehicle for investing some of the ISEB held funds. Currently waiting for answers on logistical issues from Purdue upper management.

COOL inspections were completed on schedule. As stated previously, we will need to determine if it is financially feasible for us to continue to participate in the program. There has been no adjustment in reimbursement levels since the inception of the program. Our office was tasked with several follow-up inspections this year. We will not do those in the future.

The FDA contract has been postponed to start in February of 2024. The contract will run from February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025.

The Food Date Labeling Act has been added to the Farm Bill at the Federal level. Straw will continue to monitor and update the board on possible implications to Indiana law.

#### Election of Officers:

After a brief discussion, Tom Klump moved to continue with the current officers for one year. Titus seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

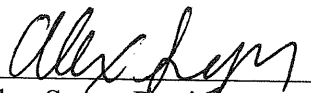
#### Upcoming Events:

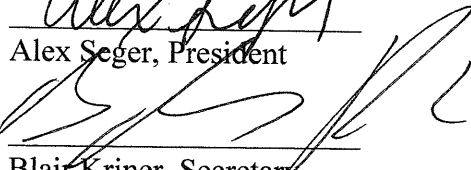
- National Egg Quality School will be in Park City, UT May 20-23, 2024. One inspector will need to attend.

- Our two newest inspectors will complete USDA Grading Certification by the end of the year.
- FD107 training is scheduled for the third week of May in 2024. It will be in-person in Athens, GA. We will be attending this training if we have a contract with FDA.

The next meeting is February 6, 2024 at 3:00 PM, held in conjunction with the ISPA event in Indianapolis. Other 2024 meeting dates are: May 1, August 7, and November 6, all to be held at Creighton Hall.

Seeger called for a motion to adjourn at 12:04 pm. Zakrzewski moved to adjourn, and seconded by Titus. Unanimously approved.

  
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Alex Seger, President

  
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Blair Kriner, Secretary