

333rd MEETING

INDIANA STATE EGG BOARD

Board Room, Indiana Roof Ballroom
Indianapolis IN

February 7, 2023
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bryan Johnson, Darin Karcher, Tom Klump, Blair Kriner, Bob Krouse, Alex Seger, Margaret Titus

Members Absent: Tom Lafferty

Others Present: Lucy Newell, Legislative Affairs Operations Specialist, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Mark Straw, Executive Administrator, Indiana State Egg Board, and Melissa Geiger, Administrative Assistant, Indiana State Egg Board

President Seger called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Introductions made by all in attendance.

The minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting were presented. As stated in the last meeting, a revision of the 2nd Quarter Balance Sheet was sent out to the members and then included with these minutes to reflect the correct account balance. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Titus, and seconded by Kriner. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 4th Quarter 2022 Financial Report. Grant money has still not hit the ISEB accounts, income remains lower. Federal grant funds of approximately \$60,000 hit the accounts in January payroll, so those will be reflected in the 1st Quarter 2023 report. Salaries and fringes remain lower due to position vacancies. A brief overview of the COOL program and costs was given, and after discussion, it was determined that Straw will review the proposal of COOL assignments to see if it continues to be cost effective to do this work. Motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Krouse and seconded by Klump. Motion passed unanimously.

Geiger presented the 4th Quarter 2022 Audit Report. One 500-1000 cases per week wholesale account and one 5-250 cases per week account were two quarters delinquent and one 500-1000 cases per week was one quarter delinquent at the time of the meeting. Nineteen bi-annual wholesale accounts (Farm Market/Wholesale) were delinquent at the time of meeting. There was one new account registered distributing fewer than 5 cases per week, and two new accounts for distributing between 5-250 cases per week. Two accounts were listed as out of business. Motion by Krouse, seconded by Karcher, to refund the audit deposit monies of accounts current in reporting, but no longer distributing in Indiana. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 4th Quarter 2022 Field Staff Activity Report. The number of inspections remains down due to the two vacant field staff positions.

Straw presented the 4th Quarter 2022 Field Staff Violations Report. Damage due to shipping from warehouse to retail has been consistently a problem. There has been an increase in dirty fecal material found on the eggs inspected.

Office Update:


The office remains 2 field inspectors down, and we have hired Purdue senior as a student employee, with hopes she will remain upon graduation. We have a new inspector starting this week for the northeastern territory.

Straw also gave information regarding the salary compression issue that has resulted from Purdue HR policies, and a proposed solution. The board supported the solution. Also discussed was the possibility of adding a new position. Krouse moved to approve the creation and hiring to fill the new position. Seconded by Klump. Unanimously approved.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting is May 3, 2023 at Creighton Hall, Purdue University. The remaining meetings for 2023 are August 2, and November 1, all to be held at Creighton Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Titus and seconded by Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



Alex Seger, President

Blair Kriner, Secretary