

335th MEETING

INDIANA STATE EGG BOARD

CRTN 1042 – Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN

August 2, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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

Others Present: 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 10:12 a.m.

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

The minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Titus, and seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 2nd Quarter 2023 Financial Report. Grant money has started to hit the account, and will continue as we move through the next quarter. Vehicle leases have started to hit the account. Salaries and fringes are more in line with budget as we are now fully staffed. Question posed to the board about the information presented in financial documents. Board is happy with the information provided. Motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Klump and seconded by Karcher. Motion passed unanimously.

Geiger presented the 2nd Quarter 2023 Audit Report. Two firms were 3 quarters delinquent – one at 500-1000 cases per week level, and one at 5-250 cases per week. No firms were two quarters delinquent and three firms (two at Greater than 1,000 cases per week and one at 5-250 cases per week) were one quarter delinquent at the time of the meeting. Ten Farm Market/Wholesale and <5 cases per week Biannual Reports are one report delinquent.

There were 22 new Farm Market Retail/Wholesale Combination accounts in the 2nd quarter, along with five new registrants at the Less than 5 Cases level, one new registrant at the 5-250 Cases level. There were no additional firms listed as out of business.

Straw presented the 2nd Quarter 2023 Field Staff Activity Report. The number of inspections is picking up as all inspectors began full-time work this quarter.

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.

Office Update:

Inspection Routes have been redistributed to more fairly distribute the volume of work now that we are fully staffed.

The Endowment proposal as presented at the last meeting was denied by the IAG due to the possibility of the funds being at risk. Development's attorney is working with Treasury Operations to find an alternative option with no-risk, such as an interest-bearing account. Klump offered to find the information on an option in which water conservation districts are able to invest. He will pass on that information to Straw.

Straw will carefully track expenses on COOL inspections to see 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.

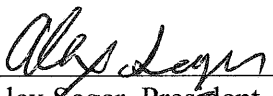
Potential federal legislation is being proposed that could affect our law – HR 3159 and SR 1484 – regarding the Food Date Labeling Act. Progress will be monitored, and board will be notified if necessary.

Upcoming Events:

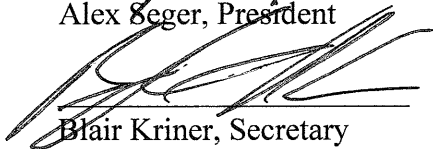
- In-Person Shell Egg Academy September 26-28, 2023 at Beck Center in West Lafayette. Two inspectors will be attending from our group.
- National Egg Quality School will be in Park City, UT in 2024. One inspector will need to attend.
- Our two new inspectors need to complete USDA Grading Certification in the next few months.
- FD107 training is scheduled for the third week of May in 2024. It will be in-person in Athens, GA. Two will need to attend this training if we have a contract with FDA.

Next meeting is November 1, 2023 at Creighton Hall, Purdue University. The meetings for 2024 are February 6 held in conjunction with the ISPA event in Indianapolis; May 1, August 7, and November 6, all to be held at Creighton Hall.

Seeger called for a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am. Johnson moved to adjourn, and seconded by Klump. Unanimously approved.



Alex Seger, President



Blair Kriner, Secretary