

341st MEETING

INDIANA STATE EGG BOARD

Conference Room, Indiana Roof Ballroom
Indianapolis, IN

February 11, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bryan Johnson, Tom Klump, Alex Seger, & Margaret Titus, and Blair Kriner & Skye Zakrzewski via Zoom.

Others Present: Mark Straw, Executive Administrator, Andie Mears, Compliance Manager and Melissa Geiger, Administrative Assistant, all staff from Indiana State Egg Board.

Due to President Kriner participating via Zoom, Secretary Seger called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

With no announcements, meeting business began immediately.

The minutes of the November 6, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Titus, and seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 4th Quarter 2024 Financial Report. There was a delay in the grant funds being transferred to the Egg Board account, so a significant portion will be moving in the coming weeks. Motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Klump and seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Geiger presented the 4th Quarter 2024 Audit Report. Two firms listed as two quarters delinquent in audit reporting. Fifteen firms were one quarter delinquent at the time of the meeting. Seventy-six Farm Market/Wholesale Combination and Less than 5 Cases per week wholesale registrants have still not filed the 2024 First Bi-Annual report (report due 6/30/24).

There were two new Farm Market Retail/Wholesale Combination accounts in the 4th quarter as well as two new wholesalers at the Less than 5 cases level and 1 new wholesaler at the 5-250 Cases per week level.

Motion by Klump, seconded by Titus, to refund the audit deposit monies of accounts current in reporting, but no longer distributing in Indiana upon request of the respective company. Motion passed unanimously.

Straw presented the 4th Quarter 2024 Field Staff Activity Report. Eggs are still being found with a high number of dirty eggs.

Straw gave the office update, including that the hiring of a fifth inspector is on hold due to the uncertainty of federal funding in the next year.

Compliance Manager, Andie Mears, updated the board on inspection activities of the 10 largest wholesale firms in Indiana.

Straw presented information on current legislation pending in the Indiana Legislature.

We received a request for the Board to consider modifying our inspection protocols. Would the ISEB consider changing the inspection protocol to no longer inspected USDA-shielded product at retail? The premise of the request is that we are reinspecting product that was already inspected and approved by USDA. Upon discussion, the board determined that we would continue inspecting all product at retail.

There was discussion regarding the limited supply of eggs at retail and how our retail inspection protocols could be modified to maintain effectiveness and avoid potential impacts on retailers.

Options include:

Do not inspect overwrapped product in retail containers without visible cause

Increase discretion on leakers – obvious handling issues vs. egg quality

Don't leave a retailer with no eggs for sale if at all possible

Offer lot consolidation as an option to reduce loss of product

Member Tom Lafferty will be stepping down from the Board effective with the next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

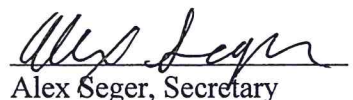
- Listening session – Outdoor Access – held in conjunction with NERO meeting in Florida, March 4, 2025
- FDA 107 Training – Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 4-8, 2025
- ISEB Board Meeting - August 13, 2025
- Shell Egg Academy – In-Person, September 10-12, Purdue University
- ISEB Board Meeting – November 5, 2025, Purdue University

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2025, in the conference room of Creighton Hall, Purdue University.

Seeger called for a motion to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Johnson moved to adjourn, and seconded by Titus. Unanimously approved.



Blair Kriner, President



Alex Seeger, Secretary