

Land Improvement Contractors of America

Board Meeting

March 2, 2019 • Tucson, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brad McArdle at 10:30 am.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Keith Samuelson called roll and declared a quorum present. A complete roll call is listed below.

Arkansas

Absent

Illinois

President Lee Bunting

Indiana

President James Ramsey

Iowa

President Aaron Lyle (proxy)

Kansas

President James Fenwick

Michigan

President Ben Cook

Minnesota

President Michael Lehmann

Missouri

President Tom Lawlor

Executive Committee

Chairman Brad McArdle
President Mike Cook
Vice President Nordis Estrem
Region 1 Chris Wagner
Region 2 Dave Gallahan
Region 3 Russ Talaski
Region 4 Chris Brauer
Region 5 Vacant
Region 6 Keith Samuelson
Region 7 Vacant
Region 8 Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Russ Talaski, seconded by Chris Wagner to approve an open agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Lee Bunting, seconded by Russ Talaski to approve the previous minutes from July 14, 2018 as printed in the LICA News. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Chairman of the Board - Brad McArdle

I want to thank everyone for their support as my time on the National Board comes to a close. After 25 years LICA has become a second family.

President - Mike Cook

It's been an exciting year from the History of Drainage book to the Washington DC visit with Northey. I enjoyed traveling to different states throughout the year. Thank you all for your support this past year.

Treasurer - Dave Gallahan

Before you are the financial statements for LICA, four months ending January 31, 2019. Dues are coming in as expected. An additional \$75,000 was received in February. We should be on budget for most line items. The bank account is \$415,271, of which \$200,000 is in a CD per the by-laws.

Executive Committee - Keith Samuelson

The Executive Committee met Tuesday night. Region Vice Presidents gave reports about their state's activities. Officers gave their reports. Reviewed financial information to date. Jerry gave report about national benefits. Discussed the History of Farm Drainage. Phase 1 is complete and plans continue for phase two, the leather bound edition. Discussed plans for the future of LICA.

MOTIONS

Motion by Ben Cook for John Peterson, Charlie Schafer, Mike Cook, Bob Clark and Bruce Barnhart to serve as voting advisors to develop a new MOU with the NRCS, second by Dave Gallahan.

Motion by Steve Anderson, seconded by Russ Talaski for a \$25 dues increase. Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associates Advisory Committee – March 1, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Kent Rodelius at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Kent Rodelius, Charlie Schafer, Paul Van Essen, Amber Bosma, Jim Jansen, Chris Calisto, Derek Couch, Mike Hagen, and John Freeman

Kent opened the meeting – a motion was made to adopt an open agenda and was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the July 2018 meeting were read – no corrections or additions were made.

Old Business: the associates always appreciate the opportunity to be included and involved with the National LICA meetings. The site and the accommodations at this year's meeting were excellent. The larger room for the Associate night display made for a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere. The 3 hours in the evening seem to be an appropriate amount of time for this event. Thank you.

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Associates Advisory Committee (Continued)

New Business: The associates are looking forward to the summer meeting in Portland. As usual we are available to help in any way we can to help make it a successful meeting. Please feel free to contact us regarding help with educational seminars or other needs you may have.

As we requested in July of last year at the summer meeting, the associates would like to hold their meeting one-half hour prior to the Associate night. We would appreciate this being noted in the agenda and program.

Eileen informed us that the date for additional information for the History of Drainage hard cover book is May of 2019. She requested that the Associates send in any further information they may have on the timeline of events. They would appreciate photos and information that would document events. The Associates requested a communication go out to us with specifics of what the National office is looking for. As always, we will do our best to support that request.

The Associates appreciate the hard work and planning that makes these meetings a success. The National office does a great job in making all this possible. We would encourage the National office to keep sending out the information on future meeting as early as possible

Again – It was great to be together in Tucson. We always look forward to these days together and supporting the National LICA. We would like to encourage you to contact us for assistance we can offer to the organization.

A motion to adjourn was made by Amber Bosma and seconded by Mike Hagen. Motion carried
Kent Rodelius

Budget Committee – March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Gallahan at 5:00pm. Those in attendance were: Chris Brauer, MO; Keith Samuelson, NE; Brad McArdle, NE; Mike Cook, MI; Nordis Estrem, MO; Chris Wagner, NJ; and Tony Cain, IN.

Motion for an open agenda Chris Wagner, second Chris Brauer. Passed

Motion to approve the previous minutes by Chris Brauer, second Keith Samuelson.

No committees came in to request funds.

Discussed the costs of a new website.

There was a consensus among the executive committee to have the executive committee meeting on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

Motion by Chris Brauer, second Chris Wagner to adjourn at 5:10pm

Conservation, Excavating and Earthmoving Committee March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Those in attendance were: Tom Beyers, IL; Jon Seevers, IL; Mark Morreim, MN; Don Loken, MN, David Gallahan, VA;

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Conservation, Excavating and Earthmoving Committee (Continued)

Dave Bose, KS; Jon Ungerer, KS; Keith Samuelson, NE; Rick Vlach, NE; Melanie Bohle, IA; Keith Bohle, IA; Russ Peters, IA; Larry Orr, OH; Dan Micsky, PA; Lee Bunting, IL; Worthin Grattan, IA; Jeff Schell, KS; Paul Hettenbach, KS; Tom Lawlor, MO; Richard Cottrell, PA; Rob Lises, MO; Bryan Noggle, IN; Keith Miller, IN; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Grant Burgess, PA; Michael Lehmann, MN; Dee Ann Larson, MN; Dan Estrem, MN; John Rothberg, NJ; Kent Rodelius, MN; Ryan Arch, IL; James Ramsey, IN; Chris Smidler, IN; John Freeman, MI; Brad McArdle, NE; Doug Schwieterman, OH; Nate Cook, MI; Ben Cook, MI; Charlie Schafer, IA; Eric Gerten, OH; Shawn Kirian, OH; Bob Clark, IN; John Peterson, VA; Steve Gerten, OH; Bruce Barnhart, IA.

Motion by Russ Peters for an open agenda, seconded by Dave Gallahan. Passed.

Motion by Bob Clark, seconded by Ben Cook for approval of the previous minutes.

MOU Discussion

Bruce Barnhart talked about criteria for both sides.

Jon Seevers talked about present MOU.

Discussion followed on changes in technology and practices in conservation work.

Steve Anderson talked about putting soil tech status in MOU. Discussion on use of separate design firms recognized by USDA.

Being able as contractors to have a go to place for design at reasonable cost.

Dave Bose brought up possible joint mission statement with USDA for information and funding issue with congress.

John Peterson raised potential for individual state MOU's.

Bruce Barnhart pressed the need to get new MOU in place.

Bruce Barnhart moved to have Executive Committee to appoint 3 members contractor plus John Peterson and Charlie Schafer as voting advisory members as committee to develop MOU with USDA Russ Talaski seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion on new farm bill funding and urban ag provision
Tom Beyers talked on funding for outside tech support mainly with NACD.

Bruce Barnhart spoke on the need to closely follow new WOTUS determination.

Tom Beyers spoke of commercial funding by corporate substantiality issues, many responded with examples.

Russ Peters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Barnhart. Adjourned.

Convention Committee – March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm

Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 were present.

Those in attendance were: Joann Talaski, MI; Veronica Seevers, IL; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; John Rothberg, NJ; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Deb Garofalo, NJ; Buddy Freund, NJ; Norma Lashley, NE; Len Kirian, OH; Jeannie Bakken, MN, Louis McFarland, OH;

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Convention Committee (Continued)

Rita Kirian, OH; Pat Wagner, NJ; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Mareta Grattan, IA; Tony Cain, IN; Nanci Gutwein, IN; Patti McArdle, NE; Jon Seevers, IL; Steve Anderson, IL; Harry Hauschild, NE; Keith Bohle, IA; Paul Hettenbach, KS; Dee Ann Larson, MN; John Weatherhead, FL; Chris Smidler, IN; Susan Liles, MO; Amy Lawlor, MO; Bob Clark, IN; Lee Bunting, IL; Gene Blazek, IA; Bruce Barnhart, IA; and Debbie Dickens, MO.

Motion for an open agenda Jeannie Bakken, seconded by Ron Garofalo. Passed

Motion for an approval of the previous minutes Russ Talaski, Chris Wagner. Passed.

2022 Winter and Summer
Albuquerque, NM
Weather 40s-50s
\$450 airfare
Many places to tour.

San Diego
\$350-\$500 Airfare
A lot of hotels for convention.
\$150-\$200 room rate
San Diego Zoo, Vet Memorial, US Midway, Caves and Beaches

Portland, Maine
Avg. hotels \$100-\$190
Brewery, Waterfront marketplace, Maritime museums, Antique Trail, and Lighthouses.

Hadesburg, Mississippi
There was no major airport or hotels large enough to accommodate our group.

Debbie Dickens gave details on Houston, TX.

New Jersey would interested in hosting a summer meeting as well.

Discussion on resort vs. hotel.

Presented Vancouver, WA and Niagara Falls, NY.
Hilton Vancouver Washington
\$165/night
Possible tours: Mt. St. Helens, Columbia River Gorge, Mt. Hood and Portland City Tours.

Discussion on appointing someone from Convention committee to help with picking sites, tours and hotels. After discussion it was decided that the Convention Committee as a group does a great job at generating ideas and there is no need to change anything.

Summer 2022
Albuquerque, NM
Portland, MI

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Convention Committee (Continued)

New Jersey, NJ

Winter 2022
San Diego, CA
Houston, TX

Motion by Keith Samuelson, second by Russ Talaski for Houston, TX Winter 2022. 4 yes 1 opposed. Passed

Discussion on Portland Maine being walkable.

Motion by Dave Gallahan, Chris Brauer for Portland, Maine with an alternate of New Jersey Summer of 2022. Passed.

Motion to adjourn Russ Talaski, Dave Gallahan.

Education and Technology Committee – March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am
Those in attendance were: Tony Cain, IN; Tom Lawlor, MO; Clem Karlin, KS; Xenya Mucha, IL; Bryan Noggle, IN; Mareta Grattan, IA; Jon Ungerer, KS; Nanci Gutwein, IN; Joanie Micsky, PA; Rob Lises, MO; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Buddy Freund, NJ, Ed Newman, OH, Melanie Bohle, IA; Keith Bohle, IA Maura Dibble, NY and John Rothberg, NJ.

Clem Karlin moved for an open agenda, seconded by Tom Lawlor. Passed

Bryan Noggle made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Clem Karlin. Passed.

Discussion on CONEXPO topics.
Should concentrate on earthmoving
Discussion on smart machines
Discussion on grade control
Discussion on panels and their benefits
Discussion on workplace examination for surface metal/Non-metal Mines- who is presenting? Is this under the earthmoving or should it be under OSHA?
Timeline of deadlines for CONEXPO seminars.

Discussion on Vancouver, Washington
Quickbooks Seminar: Nick Stacy (OH Secretary)
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Linked)
Maybe a workshop more hands-on
Phone app seminar
Retaining employees. (millennials) Ed Newman has contacts.
Building the future of our workforce (contractors specifically)
Not everyone is cut out for college and they don't know anything about the trades.
Succession Planning
Collections for debt
Steve Baker of MO- Cost Analysis on Machines (actual cost going to be)
Small business development centers
Motion to adjourn by Tom Lawlor, seconded by Clem Karlin.

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Executive Director's Meeting- February 28, 2019

The Executive Directors meeting was called to order by Chairman, Patti McArdle at 9:02 am.

In Attendance: Patti McArdle, NE; Maura Dibble, NY; Kevin Bakken, MN; Jeanne Bakken, MN; Ryan Arch, IL; Jon Ungerer, KS; Sarah Cook, MI; Millie Gallahan, VA; Buddy Freund, NJ; Ed Newman, OH; Debbie Dickens, MO; John Weatherhead, FL; Nanci Gutwein, IN; Joanie Micsky, PA; Melanie & Keith Bohle, IA; Eileen Levy LICA, Allison Hack, LICA, John Peterson, LICA

Patti McArdle thanked everyone for coming to Tucson.

Jon Seevers spoke to the ED's about the Casino Night that they had in Illinois. They printed up play money. Jon offered to have his daughter make up the money for \$100.00. They had the Associates sponsor the separate gambling tables.

Eileen Levy talked to the Executive Directors about a variety of topics:

The states need to send her the Associate list so she can send them the LICA magazine.

The National Directory to close on April 1st directors were asked to send in their member lists.

The History of Drainage went over well, but they need more information from the states.

They will be making up video for Vancouver. They will need the pictures, PowerPoint, or video of any type of event that takes place in the states, to National by June 1st.

Credit cards - National charges 2% for entering credit cards, some states are now taking credit cards. John Weatherhead asked about using PayPal. Eileen will investigate different rates and avenues for credit card payments.

Allison Hack asked if everyone is receiving the benefit updates, and the Constant Contact that she sends.

John Peterson spoke about EPA and USACE (corps) having a WOTUS session in Kansas City on Feb 27-28, discussing the administration's proposal for defining the "waters of the United States" in the clean water act. Under the Farm Bill there is an Urban Ag provision that might get some of the LICA members some work in the urban areas and looking into some members from LICA might be able to serve on the committee.

All the Directors gave a report on what is happening in their state.

Discussion on implementing Google calendar.

Talk about setting up an Executive Director meeting at the National Office.

Recommended that the states investigate tax exempt status.

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Executive Director's Meeting (Continued)

The next meeting will be held in Vancouver, WA in July 2019. Debbie Dickens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 seconded by Millie Gallahan. Carried.

Ladies and Devotions Committee- March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Those in attendance were: Judy Beyers, IL; Amy Lawlor, MO; Maura Dibble, NY; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Patti McArdle, NE; Rogene Samuelson, NE; Susan Liles, MO; Renee Lashley, NE; Linda Pruss, NE; Norma Lashley, NE; Linda Hauschild, NE; Susan Vlach, NE; Millie Gallahan, VA; Jeanie Bakken, MN; Mareta Grattan, IA; Debbie Garofalo, NJ; Suzanne Kirian, OH; Rita Kirian, OH; Nanci Gutwein, IN; Joanie Micsky, PA; Sarah Cook, MI; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Marie Bunting, IL; Jenna Schwieterman, OH and Joann Talaski, MI.

Motion by Evelyn Cottrell for an approval of the agenda, seconded by Maire Bunting. Passed.

Motion by Judy Beyers for an approval of the previous minutes, seconded by Amy Lawlor. Passed.

Necklace Raffle going well, over \$3,000 was donated to the scholarship from construction challenge. Mike Cook thanked the ladies for the money for the kids' program.

Devotions: They would like to have a speaker to boost attendance.

Purse Auction in Vancouver, WA at the 2019 Summer Meeting. Maura talked about Niagara Falls in 2020. No Ladies meeting in Las Vegas 2020.

Asked for volunteers to review scholarship applications.

Motion to adjourn by Jeannie Bakken, second Nordis Estrem. Adjourned.

Legislative Committee- March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am.

Those in attendance were: Bruce Barnhart, IA; Mark Morreim, MN; Jeff Schell, KS; Paul Hettenbach, KS; Jim Pruss, NE; Keith Samuelson, NE; Jim Pruss, NE; Dave Bose, KS; Dan Micsky, PA; Lee Bunting, IL; Doug Breberg, MN; Jennifer Breberg, MN; Jeanie Bakken, MN; James Ramsey, IN; David Gallahan, VA; Millie Gallahan, VA; Ted Lashley, NE; Patti McArdle, NE; Chris Brauer, MO; Nordis Estrem, MN; and Chris Wagner, NJ.

Motion for an open agenda by Chris Wagner, seconded by Paul Hettenbach. Passed

Motion to approve the previous minutes by Chris Wagner, seconded by Paul Hettenbach. Passed.

Talked about USDA personnel changes.

Bill Northey Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation. (IA)

Richard Fordyce, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA). (MO)

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Legislative Committee (Continued)

Matt Lohr, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. (NRCS) (VA)

On February 27 and 28th, EPA and the USACE (Corps) held a public meeting in Kansas City to discuss the administrations direction on WOTUS.

The recently passed Farm Bill has a new Urban Ag. Program championed by Sen. Debbie Stabenow from MI. This could provide more opportunities for LICA contractors.

The Lake Erie Bill of Rights was discussed. We will follow this.

EPA is working with states to establish a water quality trading program addressing nutrients.

Minnesota has an issue with their state DNR buying land for wetland creation and then blocking upstream drainage. Nebraska has a problem with local NRCS people opposing drainage.

Motion by Doug Breberg, seconded by Dave Bose to support Executive Committee appoint Mike Cook to be on an Urban Ag. Program and have program under Bill Northey's Office.

Motion by Bruce Barnhart, seconded by Paul Hettenbach to support having a small group go to Washington DC this spring to meet with Undersecretary Northey- Ag Committee and others as John Peterson sets up appointments.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Bose, seconded by Chris Brauer. Adjourned.

Long Term Planning and Past Presidents Committee March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Steve Anderson, IL at 9:15 am. Those in attendance were: Don Loken, MN; Steve Gerten, OH; Louis McFarland, OH; Brad McArdle, NE; Steve Anderson, IL; Harry Hauschild, NE; and Maura Dibble, NY and Chairman Steve Anderson, IL

Approval of the agenda, motion made by Louis McFarland, OH seconded by Brad McArdle, NE.

Steve Anderson, IL read the minutes from the July meeting in Grand Rapids, MI.

Motion to approve the minutes – Louis McFarland, OH, seconded by Steve Gerten, OH, Carried

Old Business: Acting Chairman, Steve Anderson will make the recommendation to the Board for a \$25.00 Dues increase
Discussion on the Succession Plan

New Business: Membership is now about 2800. Discussion on how to involve the new members and the younger members to attend the meetings and events, and to find out what their interests and needs are.

Recommendation to the Board to investigate the use of Social media and video attendance or conferencing.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 by Don Loken, MN, seconded by Harry Hauschild, NE, carried.

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Membership Committee – March 1, 2019

In attendance: Bruce Barnhart, IA; Dan Gallahan, VA; Bob Clark, IN; Larry Orr, OH; Shawn Kirian, OH; John Rothberg, NJ; Ryan Arch, IL; Bob Clark, IN; Maura Dibble, NY; Patti McArdle, NE; Brad McArdle, NE; Chris Wagner, NJ; John Weatherhead, FL; John Peterson, VA; Buddy Freund, NJ; Jon Seevers, IL; Keith Samuelson, NE; Don Loken, MN; Mike Lehmann, MN; Jon Ungerer, KS; Dee Ann Larson, MN; Dan Estrem, MN; Nanci Gutwein, IN; Joanie Micsky, PA; Dan Micsky, PA; Jeannie Bakken, MN; Kevin Bakken, MN; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Richard Cottrell, PA; Rick Vlach, NE; Ted Lashley, NE; Louis McFarland, OH; Bryan Noggle, IN; Maretta Grattan, IA; Worthin Grattan, IA; Russ Talaski, MI; Lee Bunting, IL; Tom Beyers, IL; Melanie Bohle, IA; James Ramsey, IN; James Fenwick, KS; and Nordis Estrem, MN

Called to order by Chairman Bruce Barnhart at 2:32 pm

Bruce Barnhart read the minutes of the previous meeting in Grand Rapids, MI

Ron Garofalo made the motion for an open agenda and the minutes as read, seconded by Tom Lawlor, Carried.

Bruce Barnhart commented on all the new members that are in attendance and the fact that they brought their kids. LICA currently has 2830 members, but many are insurance members.

Discussion on Membership drives, retention, field days, membership committees and field days.

Dan Gallahan, VA revealed that his membership growing because of the Case program and the Mack program.

Many states disclosed what they are doing for membership and the benefits

Bruce Barnhart stated that where we are the weakest is bringing in our future leaders.

Dan Gallahan, VA, made the motion to adjourn at 3:10 pm, seconded by Ron Garofalo, NJ.

Policy Committee- March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm

Those in attendance were: Steve Anderson, IL; Steve Gerten, OH; Grant Burgess, MI; Tony Cain, IN.

Motion by Steve Gerten for an approval of the agenda, second by Steve Anderson. Passed.

Motion for an approval of the previous minutes by Steve Gerten, second Steve Anderson. Passed.

Reviewed Summer 2018 minutes for policy changes.

Motion by Steve Gerten to adjourn, second by Tony Cain. Adjourned.

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Onsite Waste Committee – March 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

Those in attendance were: Mark Morreim, MN; Clem Karlin, KS; Richard Cottrell, PA; Kevin Bakken, MN; John Peterson, VA; Worthin Grattan, IA; Ryan Arch, IL; Mike Cook, MI; Bryan Noggle, IN; Grant Burgess, MI; Keith Miller, IN; Tom Popp, WI; Dan Micsky, PA and Joanie Micsky, PA.

Motion for an approval of the agenda by Clem Karlin, second by Bryan Noggle. Passed.

Motion for an approval of the previous minutes by Clem Karlin, second by Mark Morreim. Passed.

Jerry Biuso was introduced and spoke to the group. LICA has 2019 to maintain the Septic Program or it goes away. Jerry revamped the program- took out the middle man. National LICA will assume more duties with it. \$100 is new profit for the LICA Contractor selling and renewing the program.

Sales follow through has been biggest issue. When you sell program, get check for \$399. Keep you \$100 and mail the \$299 to National. If sales tax is collected, paying it is your responsibility.

Selling these warranties is very easy, once you sell one. People buy warranties all the time for so many things.

Ryan Arch spoke about Onsite waste professionals meeting he to and there is still interest out there. Jerry will do a target mailing for your area if you want. But there has to be a commitment by contractor.

National LICA makes \$6 per sale. We need volume and state chapters aren't sponsoring it, except Illinois.

Dan Micsky asked if any claims have been paid out for 12 plans out there, Jerry said no.

ADP is no longer part of the program they held things up.

Jerry said ADS will be modified to reflect changes. Other literature is still good but white out Bankers. Phone number is still active.

Websites are still free to contractors, can't be used to pay for the program anymore as it defeats the process of the customer following through. Jerry wants contractors to only use websites as a sales tool, not for payment.

Inspections and pumping need to take place every 5 years after initial sale.

Initial sale- 60 days until coverage is active. Renewals no time for coverage to take effect. Process paperwork asap so 60 days starts right away.

Dan talked about Summer Convention and Vancouver has very modernized septic standards and taking field trip to see

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that in action. Jerry liked idea. Said Case would possibly help arrange things.

H2O and create program to add all your customers into it and you can put all their information about their system and any work performed etc. Great tool for contractors. Can give customers a printout of all their specs and a user's guide.

Motion to adjourn by Clem Karlin, second Bryan Noggle. Passed.

Water Table Management- March 1, 2019

Call to order 9:15 AM.

Those in attendance: Russ Peters, IA; Gene Blazek, IA; Len Kirian, OH; Larry Orr, OH; Shawn Kirian, OH; Kent Rodelius, MN; Worthin Grattan, IA; Mike Hagen, MN; Chris Smidler, IN; Rick Vlach, NE; Bob Clark, IN; John Freeman, MI; Eric Gerten, OH; Doug Schwieterman, OH; Ryan Arch, IL; Grant Burgess, MI; Richard Cottrell, PA; Keith Miller, IN; Mike Lehman, MN; Dan Estrem, MN; Tom Beyers, IL; Jon Seevers, IL; Ben Cook, MI; Nate Cook, MI; John Peterson; Steve Gerten, OH
Thank you card from John Downey's wife passed around for all to read.

Motion for open agenda by Russ Peters; 2nd by Kent. Motion carried.

Bob Clark read previous minutes from Grand Rapids. Motion to approve minutes as read by Gene Blazek. 2nd by Chris Smidler. Motion carried.

Charlie Schafer from ADMC addressed the group. ADMC has hired an Executive Director. Information gathered with FSA on saturated buffers, bio-reactors, water mgmt. practices included in the farm bill. ADMC is going to continue to work on developing partnerships between NRCS and contractors to implement these practices. Waterworks is working to identify 10 key practices of conservation per state.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NRCS has been tabled due to lack of response from NRCS liaison. Tom Beyers mentioned that it is on the conservation committee agenda under old business for discussion. Discussion tabled until John Peterson joined meeting.

IA field day. Started busing school kids to their farm to spark interest.

OH, farm science review Sept 13-15. 30 acres to tile.

IL continuing to work with partners for field days.

IN held 2 field days last year. Waiting to hear about 10-acre wetland site, still in planning stages.

Back to MOU discussion. John Peterson mentioned that there is a really old MOU, as well as a draft that never got approved. MOU needs to tell people why there is an MOU and what is expected from both sides. LICA needs to consider what is important to include in an MOU. Should TSP be included? This specific type of detail needs to be included. Some states don't support TSPs. Committee needs to be formed within LICA to write the MOU. MOU should be reviewed annually but have a 5-year lifespan. Discussion on whether states should have MOU as well. There is a format to be used, with requirements for certain paragraphs, but John assured that it's not difficult. Clarification/prioritization of focus needs to occur for MOU.

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MOU needs to be treated like our strategic plan. Russ Peters would like water quality and TSP to be addressed in MOU. Steve Gerten talked about Lake Erie Bill of Rights that just passed.

Harry Hauschild addressed group with a situation in Nebraska. Asked if this seems to be a national issue or a local issue, so he can know how to handle the situation. Through discussion it sounds like it is a local issue.

Quick mention of History of Farm Drainage book project.

Russ Peters motion to adjourn @ 10:23am. 2nd by Eric Gerten. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Chris Brauer, seconded by Steve Anderson to

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approve committee minutes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Brad McArdle talked about the Strategic Plan. LICA is on track in almost all categories.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan LICA President, Ben Cook, spoke about the MOU

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Russ Talaski to adjourn, seconded by Chris Brauer. Meeting adjourned.