

Indiana Land Resource Council
Monday, April 8, 2019
1:20p.m. – 3:30p.m
401 State St, Franklin, IN 46131

Members Present:

Beth Tharp
Tom Slater
Kara Salazar
David Kovich
Jeff Page
Jeff Healy

Others Present:

Katie Nelson
Jordan Seger
Jeff Cummins
Barbara Cox
Taylor Knox
Stacy Herr

1. Meeting began: 1:32pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Jordan: Updates on ISDA
 - i. Vice President Pence in town last week talking about USMCA
 - ii. Planting season beginning
 - iii. Hardwoods strategy
 - iv. Big food project coming to Shelbyville
 - v. Indiana Grown partnership with the airport, store carrying products
 - vi. FDA approved first genetically modified animal, AquaBounty Salmon
 1. Slater: Where?
 - a. Albany, Indiana. Took over old Bell aquaculture
 2. Kovich: USMCA hasn't been ratified yet? What are we working on now?
 - a. NAFTA
 - vii. Page: The new plant going into Shelbyville, is that a result of the new strategies, dairy, hardwoods etc.
 1. Not directly, but yes something ISDA worked on
 - viii. Salazar: Have you connected with Purdue on aquaculture?
Illinois/Indiana Sea grant has a position open. Would love to connect this group with ISDA
3. Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by David Kovich, seconded by Jeff Healy
 - b. Minutes approved
4. Legislative Update
 - a. SB 516
 - i. Hemp
 - ii. Being second read in the House today
 - b. HB 1638
 - i. State Fair/ISDA agency bill

- ii. Expect House to concur with Senate amendment that added a comma
 - c. HB 1165
 - i. Farmland Preservation summer study
 - ii. Waiting for conference committee to meet
 - iii. Author wants bill returned to full program within ISDA
 - d. Jordan: You can grow hemp in Indiana this year with a research permit. Capped at 100 applications.
 - i. Change this year: You can sell your product under a research license
 - ii. Continue to working with OISC and others to submit Indiana's program to USDA
 - iii. Encouraging those who want to grow hemp, to have a solid contract for product before planting
 - iv. Only one processor of significant size in Indiana that is buying
 - e. Kovich: they can sell this year? What was last year?
 - i. Last year, research purposes only. Had to destroy final product
 - f. Jordan: Farmland Preservation program has no dollars attached. USDA has a program but it requires a match of private funds. It has not been popular here in Indiana because of funding. It would be good to see state funds attached to this program.
 - g. Kovich: It sounds like you could go ahead and declare your ground for farmland preservation and then sell land but preserve it?
 - i. Yes, I believe that's how that works. Right now, it is a land trust. Farmer wants it placed in farmland forever, put in will. Get federal dollars to keep land in production for the future.
 - ii. Very popular program in Northeast
- 5. Kara update on new grant for research project
 - a. Agriculture, Science and Extension for Economic development
 - i. Crossroads funding from legislature
 - ii. Extension community planning
 - iii. Motivations and barriers for local governments to take on planning efforts
 - iv. Focus groups and surveys
 - v. Will start this summer and go for 2 years
- 6. Community Planning Project details:
 - a. Thank you for reviewing final document and for feedback
 - b. Subcommittee met March 8
 - c. Kara has met with Conferences, Business and Communications
 - i. Conferences will provide support for registration, caterers etc.
 - ii. Communications and ISDA will help with marketing, press releases
 - d. Review draft agenda with draft breakout sessions, statement of work and first draft of save the date, draft budget from Purdue Conferences,
 - e. Draft Agenda
 - i. Shifted timing a little for earlier start
 - ii. Three breakout sessions, each an hour

1. 5 topic tracks that we can adjust based on registration
- iii. Lunch from 11:45-1:45
- iv. Networking between breakouts 2 and 3
- v. Purdue has done things similar to this and they can help with best practices and support
- vi. Urban Ag: Purdue has hired a few urban ag educators that will be helpful
 1. Jordan: A few SWCDs that has a couple of really good urban ag folks. Kevin Allison, Marion and Hendricks Counties
- vii. Kovich: Will these groups have individual meetings beforehand?
 1. Salazar: I do not believe so. We will write up a description and format and an invite for the speaker
- viii. Kovich: Will we get copies of each?
 1. Yes
- f. Food and Ag
 - i. Livestock
 1. Healy: Recommend BZA member instead of Plan Commission member. They have more experience from the heat of land use. Is going to think of some recommendations.
 2. Tharp: We were discussing having non ag person.
 3. Healy: Someone who has battled this issue. Maybe Tippacanoë.
 4. Tharp: Also recommend gentleman from Elkhart
 - ii. Farmland Preservation:
 1. Kovich: Fed ag program?
 - a. Jordan: existing USDA program that we spoke about earlier
 2. Jordan: Beth Clariza is the guru and a good speaker
 3. Tharp: Want to make sure we don't make this breakout all about state program. A lot of other farmland preservation methods
 4. Kovich: I personally do conservation easements. I would go to soils and they would get federal money for that. A conservation easement by itself is different than farmland preservation.
 5. Jordan: Yes, they have conservation easements and farmland preservation easements at the federal level.
- g. Natural Resources
 - i. Forestry
 1. Ray Moistner would be excellent to assist. I can get additional names as well.
 2. Want both public and private voices
 3. Public voice is somewhat popular these last couple years, it may be good to have someone from Division of forestry. Their rules and what they do are different than what others deal with.
 - ii. Urban forestry
 1. Page: how many people?

- a. Salazar: Could probably be a workshop, can discuss tools that have been developed.
 - 2. Page: Powerpoint Lindsey Purcell gave council was very good.
 - iii. Invasive Species
 - 1. Salazar: Panel probably because of work going on around the state
 - 2. TNC, SICIM, PU Extension
- h. Quality of Place
 - i. Agritourism
 - 1. ISDA, Tourism, IN Grown team
 - 2. Seger: Perspective from owner/operator would be useful.
 - ii. Econ Development Tools
 - 1. Salazar: Interest in Rural Economic Development Model as a breakout or keynote at lunch. Also interest in business retention and expansion
 - 2. Seger: Community based makes sense. Local economic development person would be good.
 - 3. Healy: There are some good ones in the state. Knox Co. could be one.
 - iii. Renewable Energy
 - 1. Healy: Industry perspective, Indiana municipal is doing multiple sites around state. Several dozen.
 - 2. Page: What counties?
 - 3. Salazar: We have not contacted people yet.
 - iv. Facilitation best practices if we need an additional section
 - v. Page: are we capping attendance?
 - 1. 400 is cap, target is 200.
 - vi. Seger: What was attendance of Small farms conference?
 - 1. About 350 over a couple of days
- i. Lunch session
 - i. Could be Rural Economic development Model
 - ii. Katie has also contacted POET and is waiting to hear back about availability
- j. Opening Remarks:
 - i. LG, Bruce and Jordan out of town. Katie has asked Governor but it is too early to confirm.
 - ii. Could also be a short talk instead
- k. Resource area?
 - i. Small table with things during networking breaks.
 - ii. Networking breaks with refreshments
 - iii. Will ask people when they register what types of sessions they are interested in. We can adjust based on interest.
 - iv. Looking into printing materials
- l. Sponsorships

- i. We can take those. Don't want to put them through conferences. Would need to go through gift account instead. If you have any sponsors, let us know. Check made to Purdue Extension and a tag mentioning Kara
 - ii. Tharp: There is interest if needed, but they would want to know what is needed first
 - iii. Salazar: Still waiting to get printing costs.
 - iv. Katie: Maybe sponsor could help with printing costs if needed.
- m. Budget:
 - i. Discussed some level of registration fee
 - ii. Max of \$40 registration fee. We can adjust that.
 - iii. Estimates are a little high perhaps but pretty true to what it will cost.
 - iv. Coordination fee will provide us with staff support.
 - v. Do not have mileage or honorarium figured into current budget
 - vi. Conferences will be there during event with name tags etc.
 - vii. Will have better picture of budget in coming weeks
 - viii. Tharp: \$10,000 from project not included?
 - 1. Salazar: Yes, this is just conferences budget.
 - 2. Tharp: So theoretically, \$20,000 available
- n. Statement of Work:
 - i. Save the Date:
 - ii. Invites will go out in May
 - iii. Healy: Photos on Save the Date should probably be adjusted to reflect guidance documents a little
 - 1. Should have livestock photo
 - 2. Forestry
 - 3. Solar isn't that predominant in Indiana and wind is controversial
 - 4. Slater: Agree
 - iv. Healy: Any feel for people who want to distribute materials that could be available? Don't see much interest in people hanging around resource table.
 - 1. Yeah, could have option on registration but we can kill that too. We can gage that option.
 - 2. Salazar: We will need to craft evaluation form.
 - 3. Healy: May not get many vendors interested
 - v. Tharp: Any thought to distribution of invites?
 - 1. Need to meet with Comms to discuss that.
 - 2. Primarily through ISDA and Purdue contacts. Will get a list of organizations to push this out to
 - vi. Healy: Will we have website?
 - 1. Conferences will create website
 - 2. Also website to house documents at Purdue
 - 3. Will be linked on ILRC's page as well.
 - vii. Will put ILRC website on Save the Date. ILRC website will have Katie's email address.

- o. Kovich: Could put pictures from breakout sessions in save the date.
 - p. Salazar: Looking at Juniper Spoon for catering. Let me know if you have other catering ideas
 - q. Subcommittee will work on more detailed framework. Assign people to different topics to solidify speakers. Looking at getting more administrative support to manage speakers. Budgets and logistics also solidified.
7. Next meeting
- a. Subcommittee is meeting Wednesday, April 10
 - b. Will meet before the summit to discuss small piece of summit details and then a tour and next project discussion. Think of topics and send to ISDA staff
 - i. Tharp: Summer Study could be pivot point.
 - ii. Healy: Economic development, farmland preservation, agritourism
 - iii. Salazar: Can also use summit to gauge additional feedback on topics
 - iv. Cummins: Let us know issues your constituencies are facing
 - v. Page: Timeline for summer study committee?
 - 1. Cummins: More of fall study committee. Most of the time late August/September. Will know if it gets assigned May/June.
 - 2. This is all up to chairman. That is all dependent on bill passing in current form and the topic actually being assigned.
 - vi. Council will meet June. Topic and location to be determined.
8. Audience Comments:
- a. Barbara: What is the overall budget for ILRC?
 - i. No set budget. ISDA assigned funding based on the project. Council itself has no budget.
 - b. Barbara: Who is audience of this summit?
 - i. Cummins: Go back to ILRC mission. Local government officials. Elected officials, planning folks, LEDOs, other folks interested in topics within this project.
 - c. Barbara: Some of these topics are controversial. I want to be sure that if we are spending taxpayer's dollars that it isn't all pro-propaganda. It needs to be for all the people, not just a targeted audience.
 - i. Cummins: We will make sure to think through that as we chose speakers.
9. Motion to adjourn by Healy and Slater
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:15