**Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) Meeting**

**Monday, November 21, 2016**

**Indiana Farm Bureau Building, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Board Members Present for the Closed and/or Open Session Meetings:**

* Mr. Phil Seger, President, Farbest Foods;
* Mr. Galen Miller, First Vice President, Pine Manor;
* Mr. Dan Krouse, Second Vice President, Midwest Poultry Services;
* Mr. Cal Jackson, Treasurer, Creighton Brothers;
* Mr. Scott Tucker, Immediate Past President, Maple Leaf Farms;
* Mr. Bob Bixler, Berne Hi-Way Hatchery;
* Mr. Joe Miller, Rose Acre Farms;
* Mr. Tom Schaffer, Perdue Farms;
* Mr. Curt Schmidt, Hy-Line North America;
* Mr. Roger Seger, Wabash Valley Produce;
* Mr. Kerry Trambaugh, Chore-Time;
* Mr. Paul Brennan, Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA), Executive Vice President.

**Others Individuals Present for the Meetings:**

* Ms. Megan Begley, Big Ass Fans;
* Ms. Linda Brennan, ISPA;
* Ms. Kimmi Devaney, Indiana State Department of Ag;
* Mr. Jeffrey Deutschman, ISPA;
* Dr. Eric Gingerich; Diamond V;
* Dr. Steve Hooser, Purdue Animal Disease and Diagnostic Lab;
* Dr. Darrin Karcher, Purdue Animal Sciences;
* Mr. Patrick Keal, Big Ass Fans;
* Mr. Randy Kron, Indiana Farm Bureau Coop;
* Ms. Chelsie Lawyer, ISPA;
* Mr. Fred Lechlitner, Miller Poultry;
* Dr. Bret Marsh, Indiana Board of Animal Health;
* Mr. Neil Martin, Zoetis;
* Mr. Greg Matli, USDA NASS
* Mr. Greg Slipher, Indiana Farm Bureau Coop;
* Dr. Pat Wakenell, Purdue Animal Disease and Diagnostic Lab.

**Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) Board Meeting –**

**Closed Session**

**A. Announcements, Old Business**

Mr. Brennan welcomed the ISPA Board members and thanked them for their participation in the meeting. Mr. David Whittington, ISPA Board Member, is no longer at Tyson. Mr. Jason Gentemann is the new complex manager.

**B. Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Galen Miller to dispense with reading the minutes from the August 17, 2016, ISPA Board meeting and to accept them in their current form. Mr. Roger Seger seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote.

**C. Financials and Conflict of Interest Policy**

Mr. Cal Jackson reviewed the Revenues and Expenses section on the ISPA Financial Statement for the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2016.

Revenues and Expenses:

Total Revenues were down $65,039 ($576,833 versus $641,872 of last year). The majority of the decrease in 2016 FY income was due to:

* Timing of 2016 Coop Agreement Expenses ($36,000) for reimbursement
* Timing of 2016 Flock Fees ($16,700)
* Lack of American Egg Board funding ($13,400) between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Total Expenses were down $377,724 ($559,541 versus $937,265 of last year). The majority of the decrease in 2016 FY expenses occurred in:

* Donations ($350,000) which represented ISPA’s Purdue Animal Science Building Fund 2015 donation
* Program Support ($16,500) which represented the lack of AEB funding between July 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015
* Testing and Biosecurity Supplies ($12,200) due to timing of 2016 purchases,
* Out of State Meetings and Travel ($9,400) in 2016 which had less travel due to AI concerns.

A major Expense increase was seen in:

* Employee Benefits ($9,000) which showed an increase in cost from 2015. Due to Purdue’s surplus in their medical insurance fund, medical benefits were not charged in January – March of 2015. However, Medical benefits were charged during January – March of 2016.

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances:

Total Current Assets for Twelve Months ending in June 30, 2016, were down $112,390 ($854,888 versus $967,278 of last year). Total Assets are down $117,046 ($880,529 versus $997,575 of last year).

The Total Current Liabilities were down $134,337 ($297,862 versus $432,199 of last year). The 2016 FY Total Liabilities and Fund Balance was down $117,046 ($880,529 versus $997,575) of last year).

Mr. Scott Tucker moved to accept the financial report, and Mr. Dan Krouse seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Mr. Brennan asked the ISPA Board of Directors to sign the “Conflict of Interest Form for the Indiana State Poultry Association Board of Directors”.

**D. Board and Officer Elections**

Mr. Brennan discussed the ISPA Board elections. All ISPA Board of Directors running again for the Board positions were re-elected.

Mr. Brennan said that a new slate of ISPA Board officers was needed due to Mr. Phil Seger’s term as President ending. Mr. Galen Miller and Mr. Dan Krouse continue their move forward to become the President and 1st Vice President, respectively. Mr. Cal Jackson agreed to continue in his role as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Kerry Trambaugh was nominated to the position of 2nd Vice President by Mr. Tom Schaffer, and Mr. Cal Jackson seconded the nomination. Mr. Tom Schaffer made a motion to close the nominations, and Mr. Cal Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. The 2017 ISPA Board officers are:

* Mr. Galen Miller, Miller Poultry - President
* Mr. Dan Krouse, Midwest Poultry Services - 1st Vice President
* Mr. Kerry Trambaugh, Chore-Time - 2nd Vice President
* Mr. Cal Jackson, Creighton Brothers - Treasurer.

**E. Golden Egg Award Selection**

Mr. Brennan asked the Board of Directors to vote for the 2017 Golden Egg Award. The winner of the Golden Egg Award will be announced during the 2017 ISPA Banquet.

**F. Cooperative Agreement Report**

Ms. Brennan briefly reviewed the ISPA Summary of Coop Agreement, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Poultry Disease Meetings document.

**G. ISPA Membership in Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF)**

Mr. Brennan discussed the Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF) membership. Mr. Cal Jackson made a motion to join the MPF, Mr. Galen Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all Board Members except for one.

**H. Prisoner College Fund Update**

Mr. Brennan gave an update on the status of the ISPA Prisoner College Fund. He has been in contact with Mr. Troy Montigney, Indiana Department of Revenue. However, since there has not been much progress on the allocation of the ISPA funds to the prisoners, Mr. Brennan has started working with Mr. Peggy Welch and former Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann to find a logical means to provide college funding to the prisoners. Mr. Montigney wanted to the ISPA to set up individual College 529 funds for each prisoner, which is logistically challenging for both the ISPA and the prisoners. Mr. Brennan expressed the option of having the scholarship money funneled through Vincennes University and Ivy Tech, if the Department of Revenue was unable to establish individual 529 Accounts for the prisoners, and assure that the money went directly to the institutions of choice.

Mr. Tom Schaffer moved to adjourn the closed section of the board meeting, and Mr. Roger Seger seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) Board Meeting –**

**Board Members & Guests**

12:30 P.M.

**I. Announcements & Introductions**

Indiana Farm Bureau Coop President, Mr. Randy Kron, welcomed the group to the newly remodeled Indiana Farm Bureau conference room. Mr. Kron has lives and farms in Southern Indiana, producing grain in the Evansville area. The meeting participants then introduced themselves.

Mr. Brennan discussed Dr. Bret Marsh’s 2016 Indiana State Department of Agriculture’s AgriVision Award. In its tenth year, the award is given to Hoosiers who have demonstrated exemplary leadership to maximize the potential of Indiana agriculture.

**II. Governor’s Presentation**

Mr. Brennan said the Governor’s Thanksgiving Presentation which took place earlier that day. Representatives of the ISPA donated over 25 tons of poultry products to food banks across Indiana.

**III. Educational / Promotional Material Distribution**

Mr. Brennan reviewed the Educational and Promotional Material Distribution Summary sheet. The amount of total educational and promotional materials increased in 2016.

**IV. United Egg Producers (UEP) Committee & Board Meeting**

Mr. Brennan said the UEP Committee and Board meeting would be held on January 30-31, 2017 at the IPPE in Atlanta, Georgia.

**V. International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE)**

The IPPE will be held from January 31 to February 2, 2017 at Atlanta, Georgia. The ISPA is providing vehicle transportation for six Animal Science students to attend the IPPE to participate in the college programs.

**VI. National Turkey Federation (NTF) Annual Convention**

Mr. Brennan will be attending the NTF Annual Convention held at Orlando, Florida on February 5-8, 2017.

**VII. Purdue Ag Spring Career Fair**

The Purdue Ag Spring Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the Purdue Cordova Recreational Sports Center.

**VIII. ISPA Banquet**

The ISPA Banquet will be held on February 28, 2017 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis, Indiana. Banquet information and sales forms are included in the board meeting packets.

**IX. ISPA Golf Outing**

Mr. Brennan would like to schedule a date for a Board Meeting Conference Call prior to the ISPA Golf Outing on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The United Egg Producer (UEP) Meeting, the North Central United States Animal Health Association (NCUSAHA) Meeting and the NPIP Official State Agency Meeting are all scheduled for the same time. **Mr. Brennan will be Chairman of the NCUSAHA and the host of the conference in spring of 2018.** The NCUSAHA conference is includes an agriculture tour of the host state. Although Mr. Brennan will not be attending the UEP meeting, ISPA staff will continue to make the legislative arrangements for our members.

**X. Purdue Animal Disease and Diagnostic Disease (ADDL) Update**

Dr. Steve Hooser, Purdue ADDL, said the ADDL staff will be continued to be prepared for disease incidents. Staff members have been made available for PCR testing. Additional equipment, a thermocycler and DNA extractor are needed for surge capacity at ADDL. Purdue is asking the legislature for additional funding for Heeke Lab remodeling and ADDL equipment.

Mr. Brennan asked how much money is requested for the Heeke Laboratory renovation. Dr. Hoosier said approximately $500,000. This would cover a new heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system. In addition, improvements are planned in the electrical system, drainage, windows, doors, siding and insulation. This could start next summer if all of the money is appropriated.

ADDL is currently working on the hunter/harvesting of deer. About 700-800 have been received from the Southern part of the state.

**XI. National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Update**

1. **NPIP Biennial & General Conference Committee (GCC) Meetings**

The agenda for the August 30 - September 1, 2016, NPIP Biennial and GCC Meeting is included in the packet.

1. **2016 Indiana NPIP Delegation**

Indiana sent a large delegation (23 delegates) from Indiana’s poultry industry, Purdue University, BOAH, and the Indiana State Poultry Association to the NPIP Biennial. A list of delegates is included in the board materials.

1. **2016 Proposed Changes**

Mr. Brennan reviewed the NPIP Biennial Proposed Changes Scorecard. Decisions are made by those who participate. Most voting went the “Indiana way”. Dr. Mark Ernst, Illinois, allowed for Indiana producers with locations in Illinois to vote at the Biennial. The scorecard format was posted on the NPIP website.

Mr. Brennan is trying to get the poultry premise data records in Illinois. If any of the commercial producers have poultry locations in Illinois, please let Mr. Brennan know. He is working with Illinois on the location data.

**d. NPIP Biosecurity Standards**

The NPIP Biosecurity Standards will be discussed at the informal GCC Meeting during IPPE. It is important for producers to provide input.

**e. Indiana NPIP Authorized Agent Sampling Schools**

Mr. Brennan said that faster collection and testing of AI samples is key to AI containment. In Indiana, a veterinarian or an Indiana (ISPA) NPIP approved Authorized Agent are the only individuals approved to take samples. After individuals attend Indiana’s NPIP Authorized Agent Training, they can become the trainer and may train other individuals. It is important that the commercial poultry producers provide updated company lists of NPIP Authorized Agents to the ISPA.

**XII. Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) Update**

Dr. Bret Marsh addressed the meeting attendees. BOAH is using low level offenders to deal with Bovine TB. There are 350 herd owners within a 10 mile circle.

Dr. Marsh said there has been an incredible amount of interest in Indiana’s 2016 AI Incident. The animal agriculture groups are fascinated by NPIP. They are examining NPIP testing protocols, numbers of samples, amount taken and timing between samples.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) has spoken with Dr. Marsh twice. They are critiquing and reviewing federal activities regarding avian influenza. They may contact other individuals who were involved with Indiana’s AI Incident.

Dr. Marsh is pleased with Covanta, a municipal waste energy plant in Indianapolis. We are reviewing the previous HPAI exercise. During the exercise, birds were transported from the commercial site to the Indianapolis Covanta plant. This type of disposal is not suited for 3-5 million birds, but can work for smaller commercial flock. The Covanta exercise presentation was made by Ms. Becky Joniskan to the USDA APHIS leadership.

Lessons were learned thanks to the producers. Early testing makes the difference. Producer cooperation is key. A board member asked if there were other lessons learned from the USDA.

Dr. Marsh mentioned several key points:

* Payments to producers have much improved.
* Producers are able to do more own their own in an AI Incident. Producers are more nimble, efficient and less costly. It is important for producers to save receipts.
* It is important to collaborate up front.

One of the board members thanked BOAH and ADDL in their role in Indiana’s AI Incident.

**XIII. APHIS VS’ Final report on Indiana’s 2016 H/LPAI H7N8**

Part of The Final Report for the 2016 Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)/Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) in Indiana is included in the board meeting packets. This report was released on September 29, 2016. Mr. Brennan was able to contribute to the report as part of BOAH and Dr. Marsh’s comments. Mr. Brennan wrote of Indiana’s preparedness activities with producers, BOAH, a multitude of state agencies and the USDA APHIS VS. The text is below.

*Foundation of Preparedness in Indiana*

One of the most important factors contributing to the effectiveness of the response to Indiana’s AI incident was the swiftness of action by all parties from the moment the symptoms and mortality spike appeared. For Indiana much of the Foundation of Preparedness was the planning and training with the industry that had been going on for years before the arrival of AI in the Midwest. In 1999, the Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) in cooperation with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) began collecting Global Positioning System coordinates and premise data. This proved vital in immediately establishing locations and tying surveillance results to specific farms. The work only intensified as the 2015 incident began to pick up momentum. In March 2015, BOAH and ISPA poured over existing APHIS documents eventually providing a 46 page check list for producers to plan with and to link to pertinent Federal and State websites.

Between March 2015 and the January 2016 AI incident, the ISPA and BOAH held 26 state-wide meetings with poultry producers. Due to the broad differences in production methods, many of the meetings were directed specifically to egg-type laying operations or meat-bird producers. Numerous meetings included participation by the nine state agencies that would be directly engaged in an incident, as well VS and three other USDA agencies. These meetings emphasized the fact that AI positive flocks present certain problems, but perhaps more important is the work required to protect continuity of business for those premises free of AI.

Each of these meetings addressed specific issues. Earlier meetings informed producers on disease movement, arrangements being made for disease control, and how producers needed to prepare their facilities. As our meetings progressed, the focus narrowed, covering: preferred depopulation methods; resources available and resources needed for each facility; preferred disposal options; National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) swabbing schools teaching sample collection and transport, establishing and utilizing bar codes, lab submission; and landfill availability. It was through these meetings that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management learned the full scale of the poultry industry’s needs and established relationships with Indiana’s privately owned landfills to accept HPAI infected material.

Finally, BOAH and the ISPA had frequent meetings working with individual producers to plan for each of their facilities. These meetings included discussions on individuals premise IDs, permitted movement, overall preparedness, and the unique needs of each producer. It is the volumes of work done years in advance of the disease’s arrival that made a significant difference in Indiana.

One of the board members read the report and wanted to thank Mr. Brennan and the ISPA staff for all of their hard work in preparing for the AI Incident.

**XIV. United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Conference**

Mr. Brennan attended the USAHA Conference on October 13-19, 2017, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Report of the USAHA Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Poultry and Other Species is included in the board packets. Dr. Dale Lauer wrote the report and it recommends running the Biosecurity Protocols through the NPIP.

**XV. Live Bird Marketing System (LBMS) Training**

Ms. Lawyer discussed the LBMS Training on October 25-27, 2016, in College Station, Texas. The purpose of the training was for participants to understand how to properly evaluate and define LBMS stakeholder activity and compliance. The training included a wet lab section, classes and visits to three live bird markets in Houston.

**XVI. Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Air Permitting Meeting**

Mr. Joe Miller briefly discussed the Clean Air Act which calls for states and EPA to regulate air pollution problems. IDEM has been studying hog and dairy emissions, and is writing regulations based on the data they have accumulated. Mr. Miller noted that IDEM plans to visit farms. Mr. Miller wanted to have poultry establishments reviewed in case there was an emission problem. Mr. Bernie Paul, president of an environmental consulting company, was contracted by ISPA to research an Air Permitting Study which evaluated five poultry firms in Indiana to determine if patterns of facility characteristics could serve as indicators of whether a facility might need an air permit from IDEM.

A summary of Mr. Paul’s analysis included:

1. IDEM concurred with the findings of the ISPA survey with the caveat they did not see the detailed calculations which were conducted.  That being said, it was clear they agreed with the generalities of the findings and did not seem to question anything.
2. Sites with feed mills should be evaluated for permitting.  IDEM clearly stated their view that feed mills which have emission sources other than the feed mill itself (for example, grain dryers, boilers, and backup generators) are not eligible for the feed mill Permit-By-Rule provisions.  Based on our assessment, these facilities most likely have potential to emit above the IDEM permitting thresholds and should be evaluated.
3. Feed mills which add feed supplements containing > 0.1% chromium or > 1% manganese may be subject to a federal air quality regulation which establishes various work practice, housekeeping, and emission control requirements.  Mr. Paul does not have a good sense of how many ISPA members are affected by this rule, but if there a need for further investigation of the impacts of this rule, we should take steps to get everyone into compliance.  The compliance deadline for this rule was January 5, 2012.
4. Sites with emergency generators which have a combined capacity of more than 1200 horsepower should be evaluated, but it is likely a large percentage will not need permits or registrations.  IDEM reiterated their view that a site which has records to substantiate actual hours of operation for their engines can use a value much lower than the default 500 hours per year assumption for the potential to emit calculation.  If, for example, a site can base PTE on 150 or 200 hours per year of operation, then the need for permit is becomes much less likely.
5. It is likely many of the ISPA members are not familiar with the EPA regulations which apply to emergency generators.  Unfortunately these rules are lengthy and complicated.  We could probably develop some summaries which distill these rules into the relatively straightforward requirements for emergency generators.  If ISPA members are using generators for other purposes besides emergency backup, then a more individualized evaluation of the regulatory requirements would be needed.

**XVII. IDEM Issues on Outside Access in Organic & Pasture Poultry**

Mr. Brennan said IDEM is examining regulations for outdoor poultry at the 30,000 plus level for spill events. Some of the notes from the October 26, 2016, meeting include:

* Construction of grass filter strips between outdoor lots and perimeter of the lots
* Barn gutters with tile outlets should divert clean water from the outdoor lots
* Outdoor lots with permeable soil types will be allowed when vegetation is established and maintained
* Approximately 35 percent of the chickens in a barn will actually go outside when allowed
* Storm water management practices may include collecting all storm water from lots and land applying or collecting and treating with infiltration and grass filtration prior to release.

Mr. Greg Slipher, Indiana Farm Bureau Coop, said the siting issue for outdoor poultry was brought to him. It is a recurring social issue that happens to people who live next to small farms.

Dr. Darrin Karcher, Purdue Animal Sciences, said there is not much on the science side to help IDEM. We need to look at future research for guidance.

A board member said that the Organic Rule will affect every organic establishment.

Mr. Brennan noted that the same federal agency that wants to ensure that producers maintain strong biosecurity also wants to require that organic and other classifications of poultry have significant outside access for the birds. These goals are diametrically opposed.

**XVIII. Indiana State Department of Ag (ISDA) Update**

Ms. Kimmi Devaney, ISDA, addressed the group. Indiana Grown’s website has had a facelift. The Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) will have a Winter Training on December 14, in Whitley County. The CLPP has started a mentor program pairing an experienced CLPP producer with a new producer.

Director Ted McKinney, ISDA, discussed the Indiana Ag Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is not an ISDA plan, but is a plan which involves all of agriculture. The roll-out of the plan will be in January/February of 2017.

Indiana unemployment is at 4.4%. Indiana offers robust incentives – companies want to invest in our economic climate. Governor Mike Pence announced plans to invest $1 billion over the next 10 years to advance innovation and entrepreneurship. With Governor Pence’s new role as Vice President, Indiana will have a direct line into agriculture policy on our own, in addition to our national organizations. Governor Pence’s connections may help with the Organic Board appointments.

Water quality is an important issue. Ohio, Michigan and Indiana had a conference call. If a state claims that its shores are impaired, they are opened up for federal intervention. Michigan said impairment is a way to continue shore improvement.

Director McKinney gave other updates which included:

* Indiana is #2 in cover crops
* Livestock Promotion Grants are due December 1, 2016
* Mr. Jeff Cummins, ISDA, will take over the ombudsman role
* The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) can help with bringing in firms into the state of Indiana. If you know of a firm that wishes to relocate in Indiana, please let Director McKinney know. Indiana can offer economic incentives.

**XIX. Land Use and Local Zoning Update**

Mr. Brennan spoke of a zoning hearing he attended in Warrick County. An ISPA member applied for a permit that would allow up to 2 million laying hens to be raised on the property, but planned to start off small with about 500,000 hens. The hearing started at 7:00 pm Eastern Time and did not end till 5:00 am the next morning. The naysayers were well organized. They wore t-shirts with professional logos.

A board member was concerned about the counties and zoning. Jackson County has put a ban on CAFO’s. The Indiana State Legislature may need to step in.

Director McKinney said the Land Use Resources Council held a meeting in November of this year. It has not been active for several years. The Council can study issues and distribute information/research.

**XX. New Business**

Mr. Brennan said that Mr. Joe Moore, Indiana Beef Council, has asked for ISPA’s support on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with Congress.

**XXI. 2017 Meeting Dates**

The next ISPA Board Meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building.

**XXII. Adjourn**

Mr. Tom Schaffer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kerry Trambaugh seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

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 Mr. Phil Seger, President Paul Brennan, Executive Vice President