



# Indiana Fertilizer Advisory Board

IC 15-16-2-25



## Meeting Minutes

### Location of meeting:

The Farmhouse Restaurant and Conference Center  
754 N 600 E  
Fair Oaks, IN 47943

### Date and Time:

Tuesday August 17, 2021 2pm Eastern (1pm Central)

### Board Members in attendance in person:

- Joe Russell (chair); representative of producers of agricultural crops
- Bob Avenius; representative of the lawn care industry
- Amy Cornell\*; president of the Indiana Plant Food and Agricultural Chemicals Association
- Eric Dearth; representative of fertilizer manufacturing, distributing, or manufacturing and distributing.
- Dr. Amy Gregg; representative of a public conservation organization
- Joe Miller ; representative of the livestock industry
- Katie Nelson; Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- Matt Pearson\*; fertilizer administrator for the Office of Indiana State Chemist

### Board Members absent:

- Sam Fry; representative of producers of agricultural crops
- Dr. Jim Camberato; Purdue University School of Agriculture
- Doug Anderson ; representative of the retail fertilizer industry
- Brian Taylor; representative of retail Fertilizer Industry
- Julia Wickard\*; IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management)

### Others present:

- Dr. Mark LeBlanc; Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner
- John Baugh – Purdue
- Ramona Briggeman - OISC
- Trish Dunn - OISC
- Danny Starke - OISC
- Shelby Huff - OSDA

\*indicates nonvoting member

With 8 out of 13 board members in attendance a quorum, IC 15-16-2-29, was present and an official meeting was held.

1. Call to order – Joe Russell called to order at 1:56
2. Agenda approved Dr. Amy motive minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric
3. Minutes Joe approved Eric seconded
4. OISC Compliance update
  - a. Ag Ammonia – inspection retail 3<sup>rd</sup> time, Dr. Fred newest publication is out, Amy from ACI test grading for CHS training
  - b. Ramona updated on cases
  - c. Trish gave update on spill in Wells County.
    - i. Lead to discussion on emergency response and dealer delivering to registered bulk places. Amy C. develop BMPs for dealers
  - d. Pearson update –
    - i. Nitrogen analyzer was down for bit of sampling time,
    - ii. updated commercial value for micronutrients and deficiency payment increased.
    - iii. Dr. LeBlanc reappointed FAB members Anderson, Fry, Russell, Avenius, Camberato, Gregg, & Miller.
      1. Thank you for your continued service.
    - iv. FAB members Dearth & Traylor were appointed in 2019 and their term will expire January 2023.
5. Fertilizer Industry updates:
  - a. Dr. Amy – school back on Monday.
  - b. Eric (Anderson) – Labor issues, NPK prices volatile, freight challenges
  - c. Joe Miller– Supply Change,
  - d. Joe R. – soy/corn prices going up, crop dusting more visible, solar farms
  - e. Amy C. – Good reception from quarterly meeting with OISC, 4R push from other than ACI, DC thanks for safety, applicator training, Women in AG September
  - f. ISDA (Katie) – Carbon working group, Shelby taking over for Katie while on maternity, Summit
  - g. Bob Avenius (Lawncare) – fertilizer prices going up, labor issues keeping employees, supply chain issues, grass seed shortage
  - h. John Baugh (Purdue) – updating seed law for service samples
6. Other items
  - a. Pearson asked what other groups or organizations should be invited and involved with the FAB?
    - i. Non-ag agency – The Nature Conservatory – Mike Dunn, Hoosier Environmental
7. Adjourn: With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn from Dr Camberato and Brian Taylor Seconding- Motion passed