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IRSS Board Meeting Minutes

Location of Meeting: William H. Daniel Turfgrass Center
Purdue University
1340 Cherry Lane
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Date: August 26, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

Board members present:

Dave Lefforge, Dr. Gary Steinhardt, Tom Eickholtz, Spencer Williams & John Bonsett

Others present:

Jack Deal, Leslie Deal, Jack Coulter, Ray Sinclair, Josh Purvis & Matt Pearson

Meeting called to order at 9:40 by Lefforge and he introduced the board members.

The first item discussed were the three complaints filed by the Floyd County Health Department concerning Mr. Jack Deal's unprofessional conduct. Mr. Deal explained that he is just friendly and that he means no harm when he gives ladies a hug. He did admit that on June 3, 2016 he did "pat" one of the Floyd County Health Department's female employees on the butt but explained that it was just like a "pat on the shoulder to say see ya later".

Jack Coulter said that he had worked with Mr. Deal for a year many years ago and had only seen Deal touch in a friendly way and that it was not about sex. Mr. Josh Purvis with the Harrison County Health Department stated that he has no issues with Mr. Deal's conduct with his office.

Much discussion occurred from the board to Mr. Deal concerning professional conduct and interaction and how that by being a registered professional soil scientist and signing the professional code of conduct that he is expected to perform his duties in a certain manner.

Under the authority of IC 25-31.5-8-4 a motion made by Steinhardt to write a letter of warning to Mr. Deal concerning his inappropriate interactions while service as a registered soil scientist, require Deal to write a letter of apology to the environmental staff at the Floyd County Health Department and attend some form of sensitivity training and provide proof of such within the next 6 months. Seconded by Eickholtz. Motion carries unanimously.

This closed the complaint portion of the meeting.

The board approved the submitted CEUg's for Dave Tuszynski, Steve Wade & Bob Jones.

Minutes from the March 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Eickholtz. Seconded by Bonsett. Motion passes unanimously.

Pearson provided an update on the financial status of the board and the board approved the costs associated with the complaint investigations.

Pearson also provided an update on the appeal status by Shane McBurnett concerning his status as a registered soil scientist. Lefforge mentioned that there have been reports of several failed systems, some only a few years old, at sites where he conducted the soils review.

The board formally approved MR. Galen Litwiller's IRSS application. It had previously done so via electronic voting but felt that since they were all together in person they should do it again.

The board also discussed upcoming outreach opportunities including the Indiana Environmental Health Association upcoming conference, Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association's winter meeting and others where it would be productive for the IRSS to "see and be seen".

Steinhardt provided Pearson with the type of display board that the board would like to use and asked that it be ordered.

The board discussed the process of how to become a registered soil scientist with Purvis.

Pearson asked the board to approve funds to develop and integrate the soil scientist into OISC's new licensing software. The request was for \$7,000. Motion to approve made by Williams. Seconded by Eickholtz. Motion passes unanimously.

With nothing further to discuss motion to adjourn made by Williams, seconded by Steinhardt.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Matt Pearson
Administrative Advisor to the Board