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## **IRSS Board Meeting Minutes**

**Location of Meeting:** Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center  
Butlerville IN

**Date:** September 15, 2017

**Time:** Following Soil Classifier setup

**Board members present:** Dave Lefforge, Dr. Gary Steinhardt, Tom Eickholtz, Spencer Williams & John Bonsett

**Others present:** Randy Staley, Tom Adams, David Ortel, Ray Sinclair and Jerry Shively

The Board reviewed the financial report that Matthew Pearson had previously sent to the Board members. The report shows that our income remains above our expenses. There was concern expressed, however, that past special investigations by the Board has reflected an increase in our annual expenses. John moved that he financial be approved. Gary seconded and the financial report was approved 5-0.

There was discussion on the future availability of the State Department of Health Soil Scientist to assist the Soil Board when special situations arise. Currently, this position is unfilled and a job description needs to be developed. In was mentioned that the Soil Board support the filling of the vacant soil scientist position at the State Health Department. There was concern that only one state soil scientist to cover the entire state would still not adequately cover the needs to serve the local health departments in a timely manner.

The Board reviewed a draft letter to Jerry Shively regarding the Pribyla property complaint in Clay County. There was discussion related to frigapan and water table. A certified letter is to be sent to both the property owner and Jerry Shivery outlining the Boards findings.

It was mentioned that Norman Stevens requested that the Soil Board have a representative at the soil classifieds meeting. David indicated that he would attend that meeting.

Randy Staley suggested that the soil classifieds also meet with IOWPA because they share similar interest.

David Ortel mentioned that a meeting is being proposed between the ISDH staff and soil scientist. The meeting proposed for November would discuss design issues.

The projected spring field exercise is planned for May 17 and 18, 2018. No location was identified. Gary agreed to attend the IEHA meeting coming up this September.

Dave suggested simplifying the renewal process where one vote would be taken to cover all renewals once received. It was also suggested that there be move that one field exercise requirement every 3 years. It was also mentioned that instruction on professional ethics be encouraged. Gary moved to renew all recertification at one time. Spense seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Gary moved to bring Lamda Mort up to professional status. Motion carried 5-0.  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30.