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## **IRSS Meeting Minutes: December 21, 2021**

IRSS Board Members in attendance Via Zoom:

Tom Eickholtz, Dr. Jessi Haeft, Bob Jones, Becky Langford, & Linda Mauller

Others in attendance:

John McQuestion, Lisa Mermoud, Tim Monaghan, Matt Pearson & Shannon Shepard

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Robert Jones.

- The agenda was approved
- The previous meeting minutes were missing but will be sent out after the meeting by Matt Pearson.

IRSS candidate Greg Orr's application & status

- Motion made to approve Orr as a Registered Professional Soil Scientist based on his experience. This is contingent on him passing the written IRSS fundamentals exam.
- Motion passed.

IOWPA Feb 8 & 9

- Motion to have Haeft & Mauller represent IRSS at the conference but not have a booth by Bob Jones
  - Motion passed

Local Health Department Disputes/Questions

- Bob Jones talked about the issues becoming greater with Soil Scientists in regard to Health Department Disputes & Questions
- It was recommended that there be a panel of Soil Scientists that would go assist when there are issues.
  - Linda Mauller mentioned that it is difficult sometimes to get help because of the availability of the Soil Scientists
  - Other agreed but just do the best they can.
- Most of the complaints are in the North Central area

- Bob Jones suggested a small group of Soil Scientists work together with the Health Department to deal with these issues.
- Linda Mauller brought up that there are permits on file that if they are signed allow the Health Department to come and investigate
- Board suggested that the complaints be filed formally & a team of Soil Scientists will do an investigation.
  - o All board agreed

Other Business:

- Dr. Gary Steinhart was asked about the next field exercise which will be in either May or June
  - o Dr. Jessi mentioned helping with this exercise as Steinhart will need assistance.
- Matt Pearson said he will finish the previous meeting minutes & send them out to everyone.

With no further business to attend to the meeting was properly adjourned at 11:04 AM