

# Indiana Urban Forest Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

### August 5, 2004

The Board Meeting took place at Blue Grass Farms in Anderson.

**Board Members Present:** Katie Booth, Lee Huss, Donna Kavanagh, Jason Lietz, Nate Mathews, and Maria Steiner. Also in attendance were Nancy Anderson, IUFC Executive Director Phil Wagner, Assistant State Forester and Pam Louks, State Urban Forestry Coordinator.

Nancy Anderson called meeting to order at 10:25 am.

Nancy Anderson did not distribute the meeting minutes from the June 9, 2004 Board Meeting due to lack of a quorum.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nate Mathews presented the treasurer's report to the board. Current Balance: \$10,266.43. Estimated expenses include \$2600 for the Species brochure printing, \$3500 for the website and \$2500 for the membership brochure printing.

#### **Executive Director's Report- Nancy Anderson**

- Nancy Anderson reported that the website content is underway and will be up and running by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Nancy attended an Indiana Green Industry Alliance meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Carmel to discuss partners of green issues.
- Nancy requested that Board members assist with Board recruitment. Don, Chuck and Brian are on their last terms. Maria and David are on their last year of their first term. Nancy will create an application for board members to use for recruitment efforts.
- Nancy reported that the Council donated \$250 to Tom Ordway for the Tour Des Trees ride.

#### **IDNR, Community & Urban Forestry Report- Pam Louks**

- Pam announced that there is urban forest activity in the north central part of the state in Linton, Cayuga, Newport, and Beech Grove.
- A tree inventory was conducted in New Harmony to assist their community.
- The City Forester training is scheduled in Madison. A sample inventory will be conducted with training on the PDA's being conducted. Pam's goal is to have every Tree City in Indiana conducting an inventory.
- Pam reported on the latest EAB surveys. 500 acres in LaGrange County are marked for eradication.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Executive Committee:**

No report. Tammy is working on draft for Board Member participation letter.

##### **Education Committee:**

David Oberst has been working with Yes Corp. of Valparaiso on the design of the website. Other ideas for the website include business affiliations for generation of funds and community rewards programs such as Meijer, Target and Marsh.

##### **Fundraising and Development Committee:**

The membership brochure revision is underway. Tom Coleman also requested that legislative ideas be sent to him.

##### **Annual Conference Committee:**

The agenda is not secured. Bill Woodruff of the LaPorte County Nursery offered to speak as a possible round table discussion on plant selection and running a nursery. The NADF will be asked to provide a registration list of their Trees and the Law seminar, so that those attendees can attend our conference. Transportation and a location needs arranged for the beach talk.

##### **Award Committee:**

The awards submission deadline has passed. Nancy will be mailing the ballots to Awards Committee members in August.

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**Old Business:**

Board Recruitment: Nancy will create an application for Board members to use in recruiting new Board Members.

**New Business:**

Board Development: Discussion was had on having IUFC chapters throughout the state. Phil Wagner has agreed to facilitate a session on the possibility at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

2004 Grant Ideas: Nancy asked the Board for 2004 program ideas for funding. Ideas include: A) IUFC chapter start-up fees. B) Sponsor an inventory for a small town, Tree City USA site like Montpelier or Nashville. C) Enhance or run with the Right Tree Right Place Campaign. Nancy will create a ballot for Board Members to choose, so that she may right the grant with one IUFC project.

Council Volunteer Opportunity: Maria announced that the Women's prison would volunteer their time to put labels on for non-profit mailings. Maria will pass the contact information on to Nancy and Pam.

IAA Golf Outing: Nate announced that the IAA would host a golf outing on August 19<sup>th</sup> in Muncie at Crestview Golf Course.

NUCFAC Applications: Pam announced that NUCFA (National Urban Forestry Advisory Council) is seeking applications for board members. The applications must have a referral. The IUFC has approved Gina Darnell and Jason Kissel for nomination. Pam Louks will fill out the nomination forms if Gina and Jason decide to seek a position on the board.

Midwest Tech Transfer Team: Pam announced that the team met in June and discussed the \$50,000 allocated for grant projects.

CUF Workshops: Pam announced that a menu of CUF workshops could be attained from April Murray-Clayton.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:30 am.**