

Indiana Land Resource Council
Thursday, February 14, 2019
1 North Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members Present:

David Kovich
Mayor Pavey
Beth Tharp
Jeff Page
Steve Eberly
Jeff Healy
Kara Salazar

Others Present:

Jeff Cummins
Katie Nelson
Bruce Kettler
Josh Trenary
Steve Howell
Barbara Cox

1. Jeff: Legislative Update

a. State Fair Elections – HB 1638

- i. Makes changes to the state fair board election process
- ii. Eliminates the voice vote, leaving secret ballot process in place
- iii. Allows organizations to become certified on a statewide basis
- iv. Expands eligible voting groups, including youth & educational interests
- v. Allows for election process observers
- vi. Sunsets the Center for Ag Science and Heritage Board
- vii. Replace with Advisory Committee
- viii. Enumerates Board and Commission responsibilities
- ix. Goal is to clarify roles, particularly for candidates who run for the Board
- x. Redistricts existing Board districts but add none
- xi. Concerns with the size of some districts
- xii. Includes Tort Claims Act protection for Board, Commission and Staff

b. Industrial Hemp – SB 516

- i. Conforms state law to 2018 Farm Bill requirements for state hemp programs
- ii. 2018 Farm Bill now allows commercial production of industrial hemp
 1. GPS Coordinates of farm
 2. Inspection of sites and testing for THC limits
 3. Enforcement
- iii. Creates Hemp Advisory Committee
 1. Floor amendment would make committee mostly law enforcement

c. Q: Kovich: Is there a lot of hemp production in Indiana?

- i. Cummins: We have about a dozen research permits. It is very small compared to Kentucky
 - d. Other Issues to Watch
 - i. Kankakee River Basin – HB 1270
 - ii. Forestry Commission – SB 610
 - iii. Livestock regulations (SB 247 & 593, HB 1044 & 1378)
 - 1. 1378 was defeated in House Environmental Affairs 3-9 on 2/13/19
 - iv. House Bill 1165 – Farmland Preservation
 - 1. Would allow ISDA to cost share for federal ag conservation easements
 - 2. ISDA would have authority to establish state based ag conservation easements
 - 3. ISDA does not have money or expertise now but it could be something our ILRC could assist with and ISDA could do in the future
 - 4. Could be on our agenda for project
 - 5. **NEW UPDATE: Bill has since been converted to summer study committee**
 - v. Q: Kovich: Difference between farmland preservation and conservation easement?
 - 1. Cummins - In this bill, they are using them interchangeably
 - 2. Healy: So its land use control.
 - a. Cummins - Yes
 - vi. Kovich: I use them. So you don't take out trees, also used in wetlands
 - 1. Cummins: Yes, a lot more used in wetlands preservation
 - 2. Cummins: Both programs in USDA for their management
 - vii. Tharp: What is the year on that?
 - 1. Cummins: USDA's is permanent but our state one could be what we decide
 - viii. Tharp: Where is this in the process
 - 1. Cummins: Came out of the house and is awaiting a second reading. It could be amended but I haven't heard anything yet.
 - ix. Eberly: Is this tied to approved practices?
 - 1. Cummins: Not in its current form. Not sure what USDA's requires in terms of conservation practices.
 - 2. We could tie conservation practices into our state bill
 - x. Salazar: HB 1437 Training for local government officials
 - 1. Adds definition of "training"
 - 2. American Planning Association is tracking
 - a. Jeff: We will add that to your radar and our bill track
2. Survey Results Presentation – Katie Nelson
 - a. See attached slides
 - b. Things to improve

- i. Focus on achieving ILRC mission
 - ii. More speakers and presentations and an emphasis on constituencies
 - iii. Will maintain current meeting lengths (2-3 hours)
 - iv. Will maintain current way of scheduling meetings via doodle poll
 - v. Will look into possibility of doing “get to know you event” connected to a regularly scheduled meeting
 - vi. Coffee and snacks at meetings
 - c. “How to Construct Better Board Meetings” handout
 - d. Reflect on Individual Council Member Self-Evaluation
3. Community Planning Project Rollout
- a. August 28 at Hendricks County Conference Facility
 - i. Reserved entire interior
 - ii. Auditorium, 5 breakout rooms and smaller classroom
 - b. Kara is meeting with Purdue Conferences next week to get details of registration
 - i. They will be there on site at the event
 - c. Kara also met with Ag Communications team
 - i. They provided a scope of work for what they will do for us.
 - ii. Contact for ISDA to coordinate marketing
 - iii. Ag Communications can create save the date, agenda, press release etc.
 - iv. Save the Dates to be sent out in April with formal invite in May.
 - 1. Press release May 15?
 - d. Drafted scheduling during committee meeting
 - i. 10am – 4pm event
 - ii. Targeting around 200 people.
 - iii. DRAFT schedule
 - 1. 10-10:40 Welcome and Intros – Bruce? LG? Purdue Extension?
 - 2. 10:50-11:40 1st Breakout
 - 3. 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
 - 4. 1:10-2:00 2nd breakout
 - 5. 2:10 – 2:50 3rd breakout
 - 6. 3:00-3:30 4th breakout
 - iv. Breakout sessions
 - 1. Food and Ag
 - a. Urban ag, livestock, local food systems, aquaculture?
 - 2. Renewable Energy
 - a. Wind and Solar
 - 3. Natural Resources
 - a. Invasive species, dams, forestry, urban forestry
 - 4. Quality of Place
 - a. Agritourism, economic development tools, land preservation
 - v. Would offer 4 headers per breakout
 - 1. Because of capacity of facility, we think we need 4 each

- vi. We will try to organize it so that we don't have similar topics presenting at same time
- vii. Do need to work on renewable energy panel
- viii. Tharp: Food and Ag? What does that look like?
 - 1. Still working on that
 - 2. Farmland Preservation?
 - a. Currently under Quality of Place
 - 3. Tharp: Could combine urban ag and local food systems so we could offer another topic?
 - a. Yes, we can think about that.
- ix. Lunch
 - 1. Ideas were to have major development project highlight economic development and community planning
 - a. Shelby County project (POET)
 - b. Community representatives to talk about land use planning
- x. Healy: Can you forward these to us?
- xi. Cummins: We had discussed in the past highlighting success, trials, tribulations of economic development and land use planning projects
- xii. Kovich: Can we get an outline? I wish I had a few days to have thought about it.
- xiii. Tharp: So the lunch discussion would be like an economic development thing? And then what at the end of the day?
 - 1. Salazar: Yes, at lunch and then we have a half hour at the end of the day. For the sessions, we could have the author to offer their expertise and then someone from the council and someone from the community or industry perspective. We don't want to have panels for all of them. The lunch time discussion would be a little more panel style. And then at the end, if there is something we want to talk about? It's open right now.
- xiv. Tharp: Target 200 people because of room limits?
 - 1. Yes, because if we have four sessions, we can accommodate that number of people well.
 - 2. Healy: We could use the auditorium too
 - 3. Tharp: I've been at conferences that have bigger breakouts than that. 2 people from every county is already 200 people with overhead people.
 - 4. Cummins: Could target more than that and see if that yields more folks
- xv. Tharp: Has there been discussion on inviting agencies and associations to have booths?
 - 1. We decided in committee not to go that direction. But if people want that, and someone wants to run that, we can do that. It's just another thing to manage and we don't have that capacity yet.

2. Healy: Who are you thinking?
 - a. Tharp: What each council member represents.
 - b. Salazar: Yes, small farms conference does that.
 - c. Tharp: Enhances networking options.
 - d. Salazar: We also don't have networking time built into schedule
 - e. Cummins: Do we need to expand lunch hour so people can take that time to mix and mingle?
 - f. Salazar: We could expand lunch, get rid of last part
 - g. Nelson: Also maybe have a networking/coffee part before 10am
 - h. Cummins: When do we have the building?
 - i. 7am-5pm
 - i. Cummins: Vendors and Booth component would require additional work. We will need to make a quick determination on who will lead that if we do it?
 - i. Tharp: Are there other options to encourage networking outside of booths?
 - ii. Salazar: I'm collecting estimates on costs for providing attendees with the materials. I think we may be able to do that.
 - iii. Yes, we could do something different, maybe a way to provide resources, less trade show feel.
3. Cummins:
 - a. Consensus on what we want to do?
 - b. Healy: Not sure it's worth it
 - c. Steve: Agree
 - d. Salazar: We could just have a resource table? With materials. Or goodie bags, or placed at each table at lunch
 - e. Kovich: Could get sponsors?
 - f. Eberly: Use IN Grown for lunch?
 - g. Nelson: Could ask Heather Tallman about caterers?
 - h. Salazar: Not sure if we need sponsors, we have funds and registration will have a fee
 - i. Eberly: CEO of POET lives in Iowa, maybe him for lunch
 - j. Page: Bruce Vincent – book on "Against the odds, path forward to rural America"
 - i. He was a third generation logger, engineering degree
 - ii. His talk crosses all ag
 - iii. He has spoken with Beef Cattle Assoc.
 - iv. Cummins: We can explore those.
 - k. Salazar: Can ISDA investigate POET CEO and Bruce Vincent?

- i. Nelson: Yes
 - l. Page: When will we have grasp of attendance?
 - i. Not until July
 - m. Nelson: Have we ruled out booths? Need to know for minutes
 - i. Healy: Yes, not a fan
 - ii. Salazar: We can do materials for every attendee or a resource table at the entryway.
 - 1. Can incorporate that into working group.
 - iii. Cummins: Squash booths
 - 4. Salazar: Thoughts on 4 tracks for breakout sessions?
 - a. Healy: Could you repeat sessions?
 - b. Salazar: Yes, if we do 5 sessions.
 - c. Nelson: Could ask interest in registration and then determine which ones repeat
 - 5. Tharp: Who would be leading sessions? Authors?
 - a. Salazar: We could but also have other people.
 - b. Cummins: Author, ILRC member and someone from association or elsewhere
 - 6. Salazar: Will have early March meeting of committee
 - a. Tharp: Can you provide ideas of names?
 - i. Salazar: Yes, plan to start doing that at March meeting
 - b. Kovich: Name and Community on nametags of attendees
 - 7. Tharp: Will you encourage format of breakouts to follow the project?
 - a. We haven't gotten that far yet.
 - b. Would you like to join the committee?
 - i. Yes
 - 8. Salazar: We will also need a moderator for each session. I've recruited some people but any of you could also do it if you are comfortable with that.
 - 9. Coffee and Registration at 9am, start at 10am
 - xvi. Kovich: Program with list of speakers and contact info
 - xvii. Cummins: Will send out minutes of committee meeting before next ILRC meeting
 - xviii. Beth: So the timeline will be addressed at meeting of March.
 - e. Cummins: Do we need to do a full council meeting in March/April?
 - i. Consensus was yes
4. If you have questions, comments concerns on agenda, speaker ideas or sponsors etc. make it known in the next 2-3 weeks. We can use those in subcommittee meeting. Katie will send notes of subcommittee meeting to full council to review prior to April meeting. We can flesh those out at next ILRC meeting and vote to approve or make changes.
5. Audience comments:

- a. Barbara: My first question is “where were all your meetings held last year? I’m a huge ‘we the people’”. We are paying taxes. We the people have the right to know when and where these meetings are. I think it would be to the benefit of this council to take this show on the road and listen to the people you are supposed to represent. Years ago, we had a lot of publicity for ILRC meetings and we would have 10-15 people. You need to seriously think about “we the people” and what we are facing out in the country. You have paid people from Ag to be here but “we the people” do not have anyone. It behooves your group to come out to our counties. I pay property taxes and what kind of representation do I get from that?
- b. Healy: What would you visualize that “on the road” as?
 - i. Barbara: A brief intro of who you and what you represent. What is your charge? And then listen to the people. They need to know who you are and who you represent.
 - ii. Cummins: We have been focused on this project rollout and development and not as involved in information intake. But I think the time is right to start that information intake from a land use standpoint.
 - iii. Salazar: Purdue Land Use Team is redeveloping. In the next year, there will be a lot more opportunity for resources we can do. It will be a little slow as we get going but I’m really excited that we will have more than that.

6. Additional Comments

- a. Page: Hardwood Strategy, thanks for the presence of ISDA. Compared to Dairy industry. Overview of strategy. Big anticipated moment. Glad to see it and here is a brochure if you’re interested.
- b. Kara: I went to Indiana Arborists Association and presented on project and I got good feedback. Also submitted to talk at APA Indiana. If others have interest in being a presenter at something, would encourage that.

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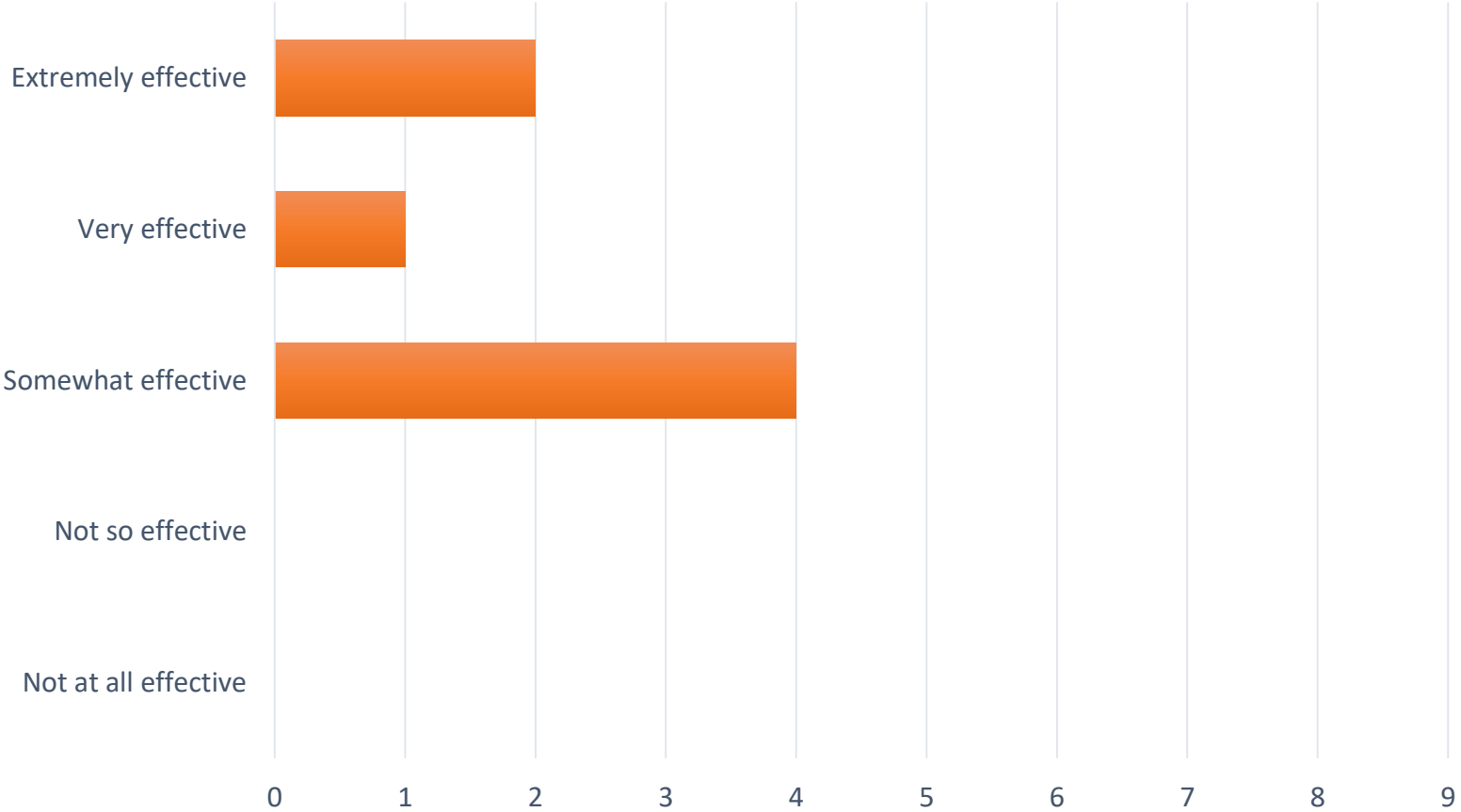


ILRC Survey Results

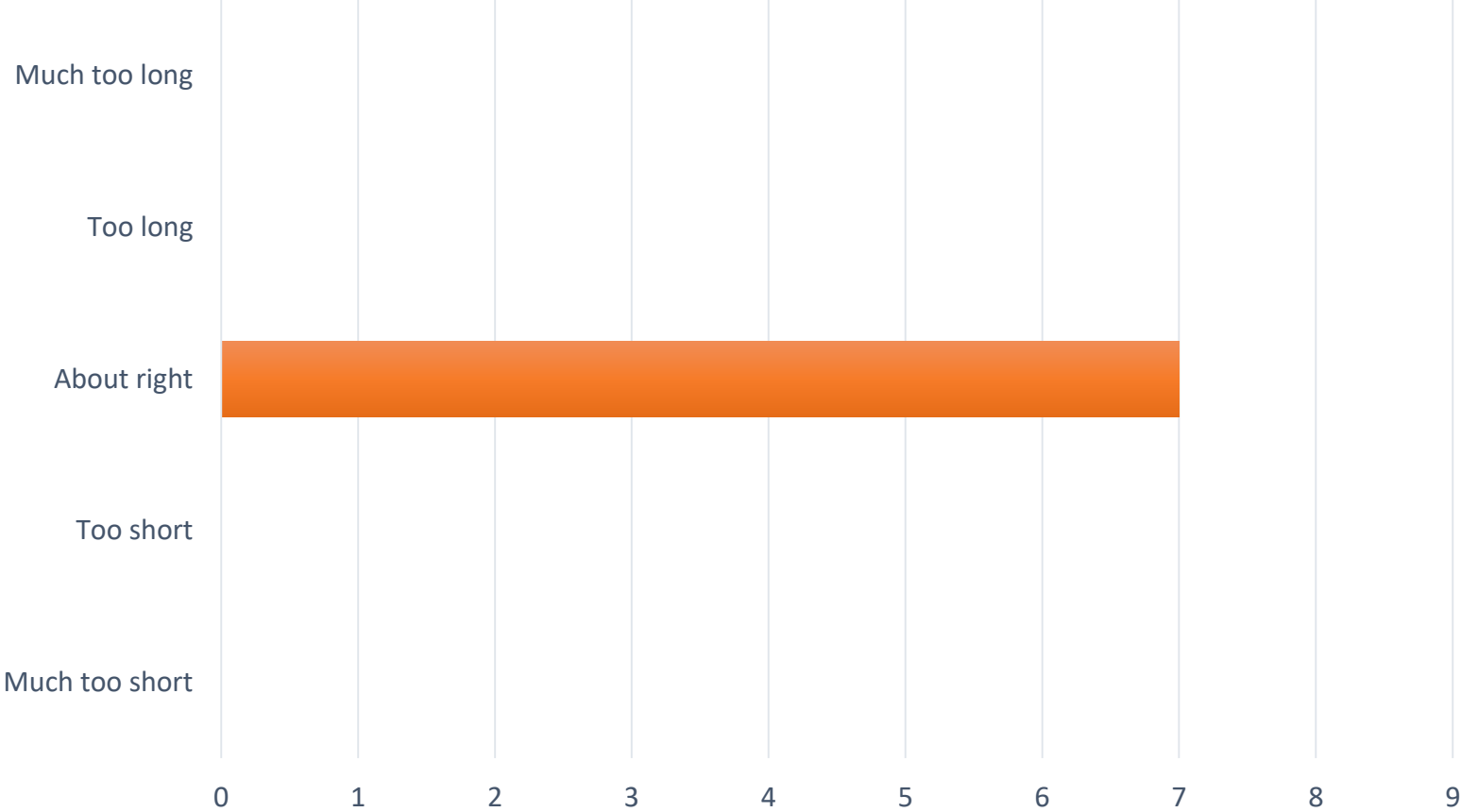
MISSION

The purpose of the council is to collect information and provide educational and technical assistance to local governments regarding land use strategies and issues across the state (I.C. 15-12-5).

Q1: Overall, how effective was the ILRC in achieving its mission in 2018?



Q2: Are the lengths of meetings too long, too short or about right?



Q3: What might we do differently to improve our meetings?

“More presentations from subject matter experts”

“Help us to better understand constituent needs”

“Coffee, snacks and perhaps a guest speaker or citizen to shed light to a pertinent subject matter”

“A more detailed pre-briefing would get me to look into issues and information that we will be discussing at the meeting”

“Meet in locations across the state to incorporate regional speakers and/or tours”

“More speakers on issues we discuss”

“I have been ok with schedule, timing and location.”

Q4: Would you be willing to give a short update (5-10 minutes) about the constituency you represent?



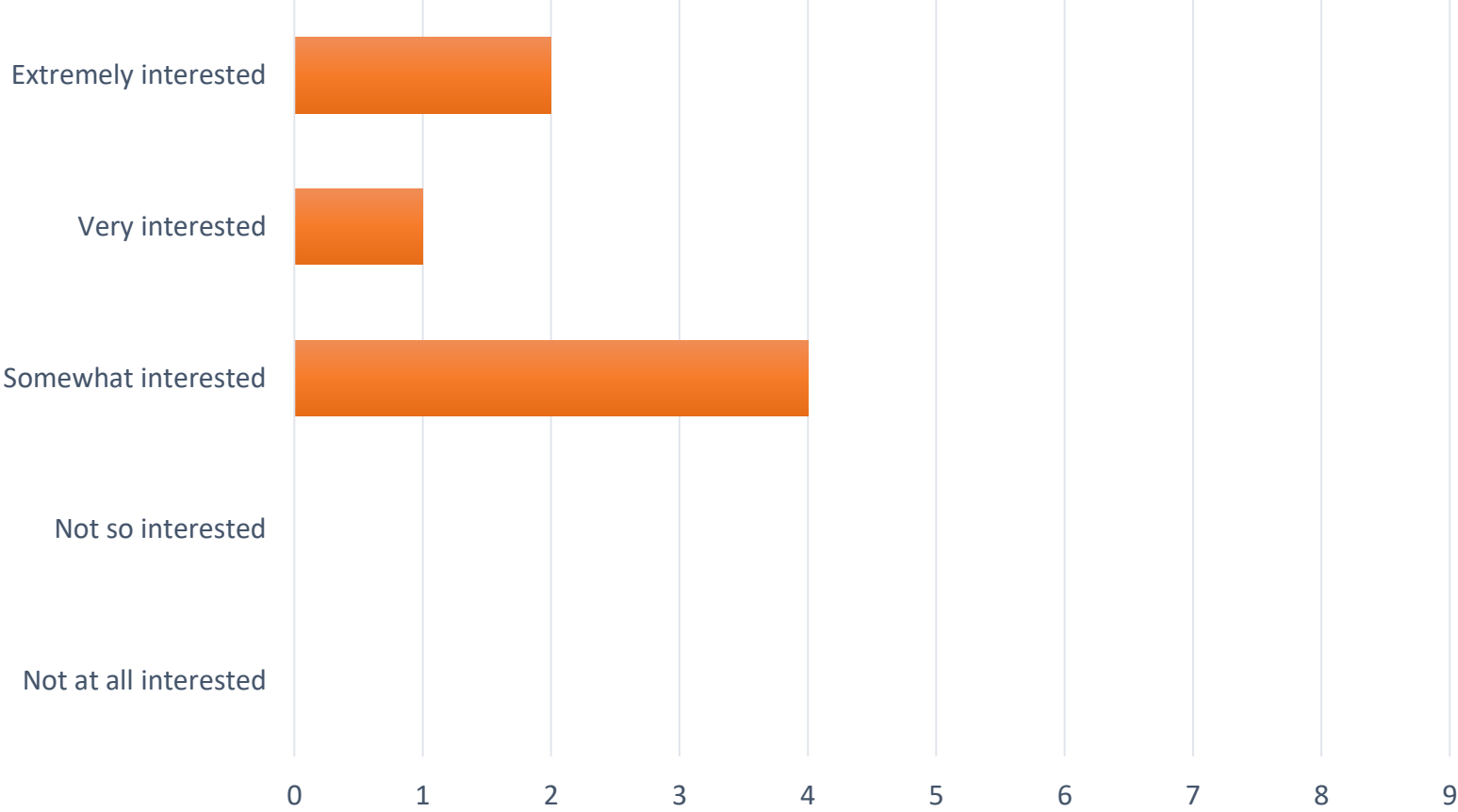
YES!

Q5: Would you be willing to invite someone from your industry/constituency to attend a meeting?



YES!

Q6: Are you interested in a “get to know you” event with your co-councilors?



Q7: What topics would you most like to learn about or discuss in 2019

“Legislative updates would be interesting”

“Housing and suburban development”

“Water quality, enhancing the image of all agriculture sectors to our public”

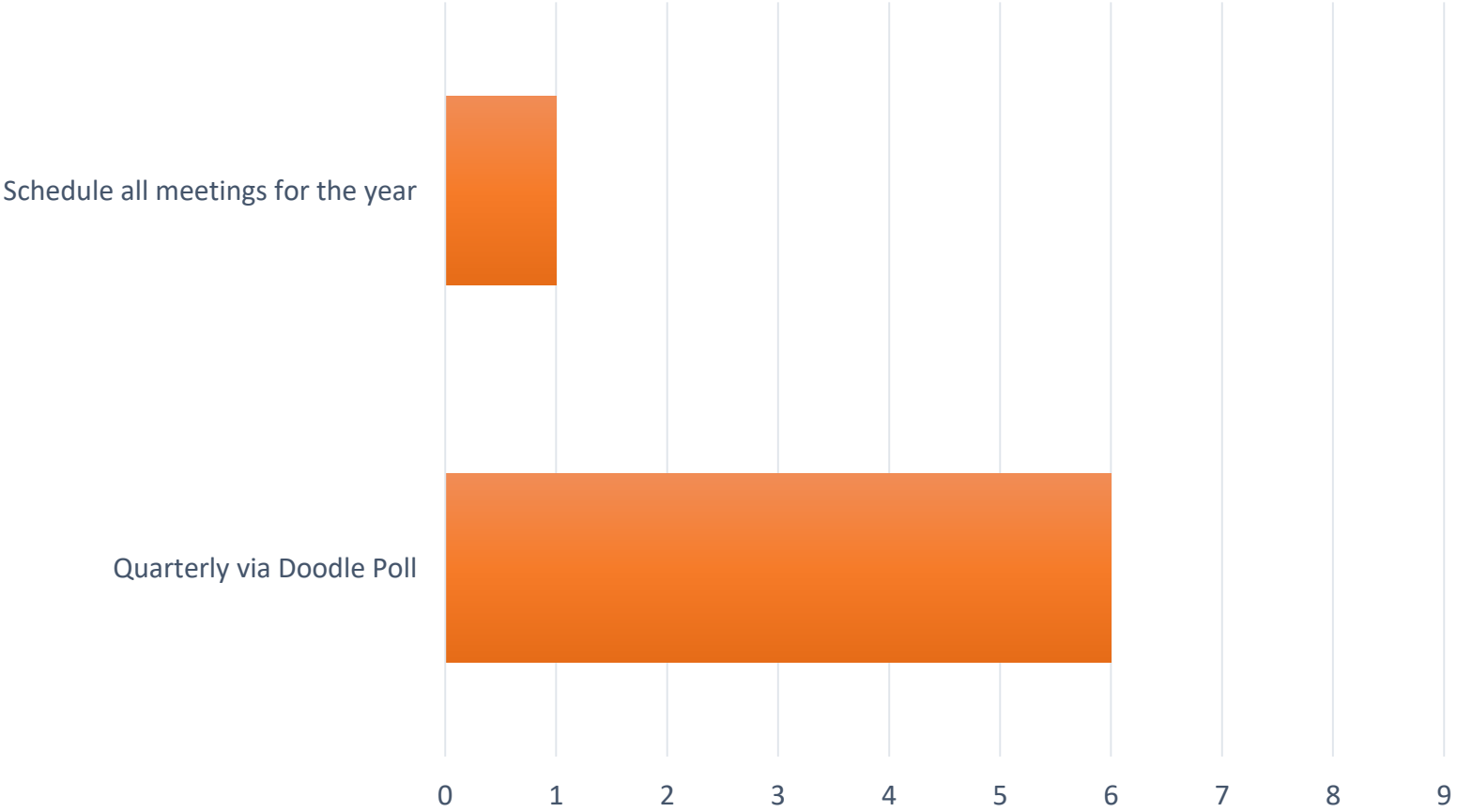
“More on what issues rural communities face in regards to the scope of the ILRC mission”

“Renewable energy, invasive species, increasing funding for state parks maintenance.”

“How construction works to preserve land”

“Fall event”

Q8: How would you prefer we schedule meetings?



Q9: Is there anything else you would like to share about the ILRC?

“Personally, I have enjoyed the input from all industries involved”

“I felt that the project being completed was scoped outside of the purview of the members of the ILRC. Probably the only way it got accomplished, but I did feel out of the loop when it was being proposed”

Moving Forward

Coffee and
snacks!

Focus on achieving ILRC mission

More speakers and
presentations

Focus on
constituencies

Maintain current
length of meetings
(2-3 hours)

Maintain way of
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meetings

Look into
possibility of doing
“get to know you”
event

Discussion