



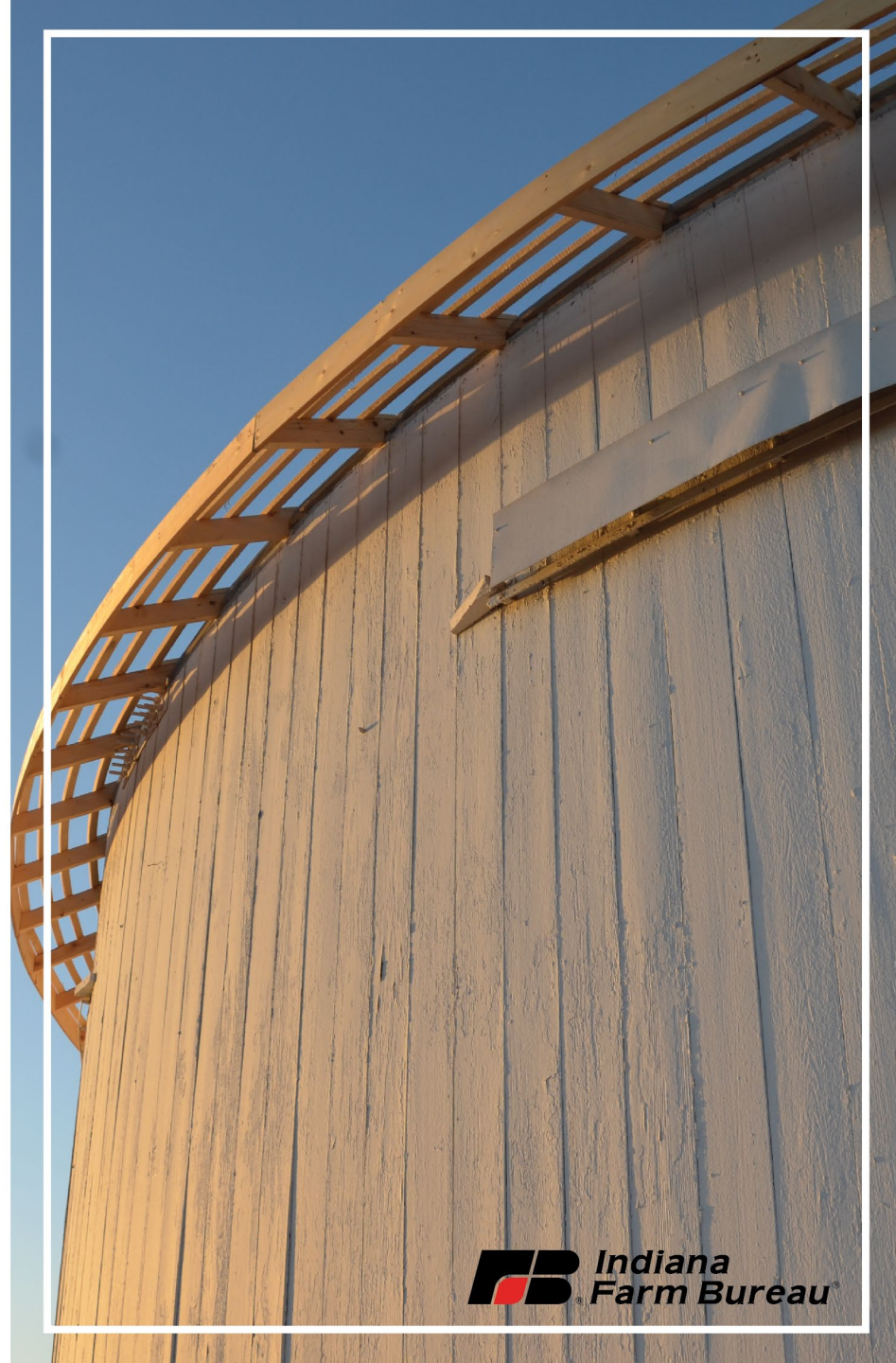
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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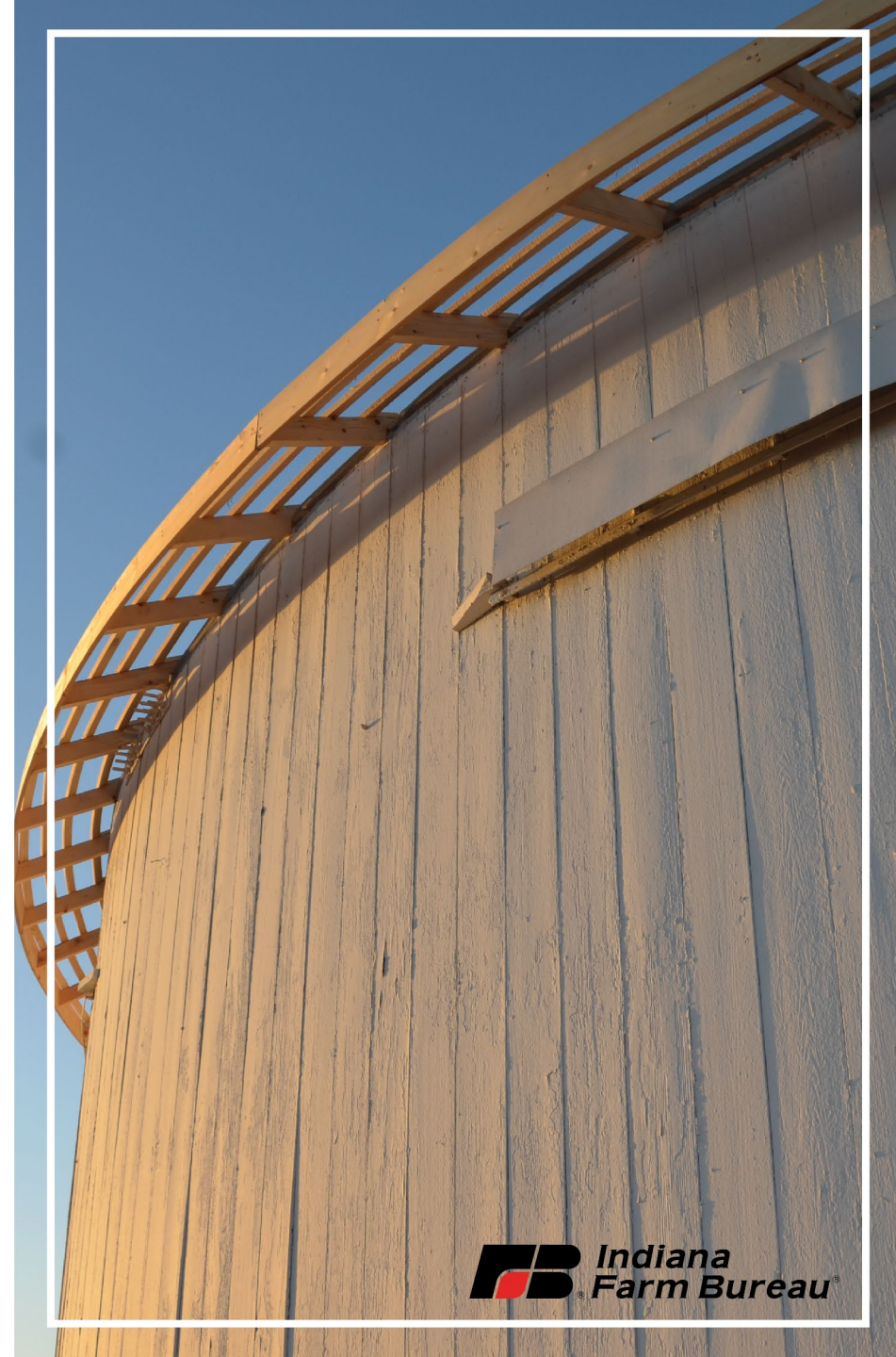
2023 Session

- January 9th
- April 28th – 3am
- 1,154 bills filed
- 252 passed and signed
- No Vetos
- Healthcare, Education, Property Taxes



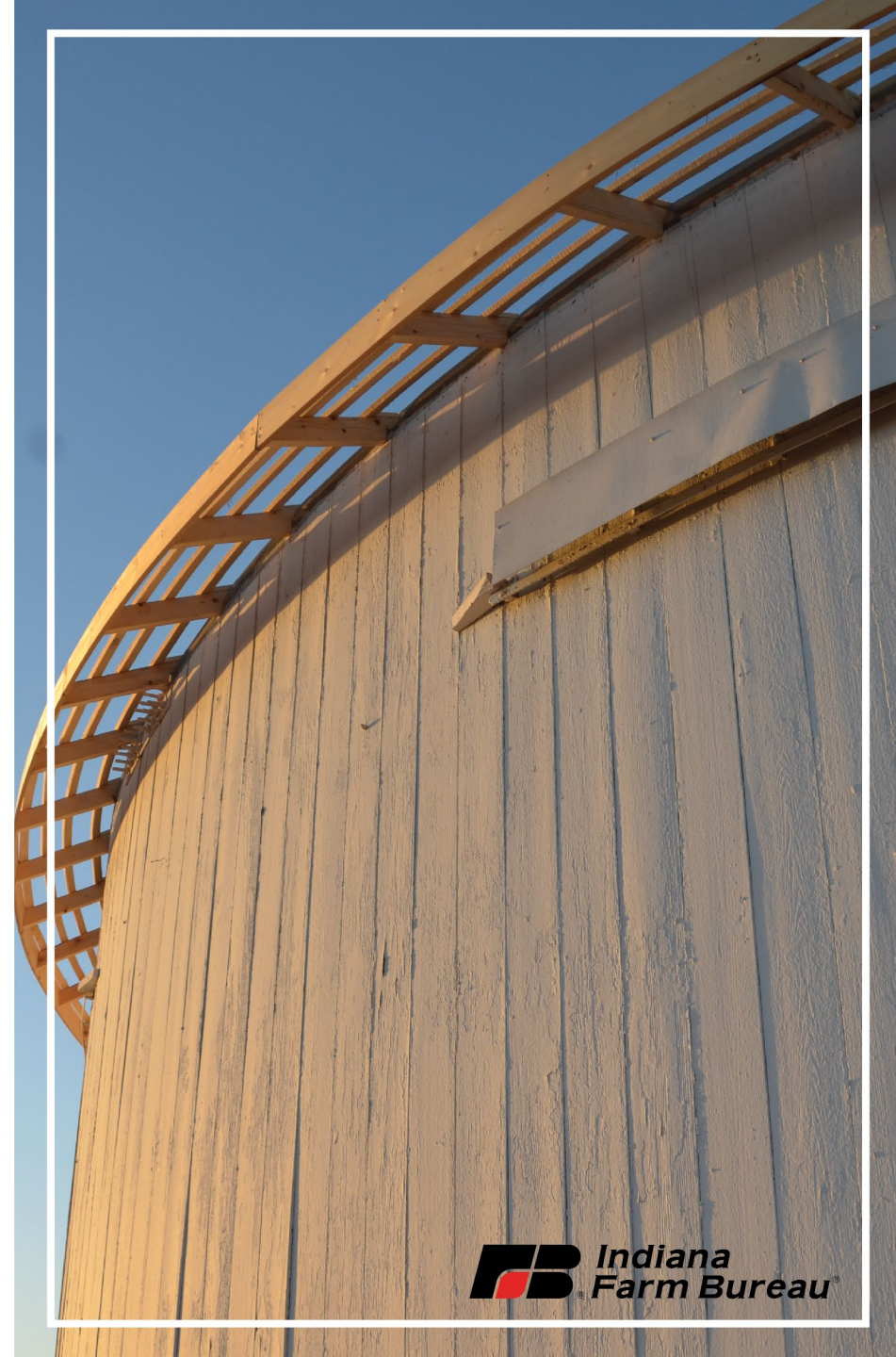
Budget & Taxes

- Property Tax Relief
 - Major overarching issue
 - No shifts
- HEA 1499
 - Property valued at \$600k or less would see increases in supplemental tax deductions from assessed value
 - 40% in 2024 and to 37.5% in 2025 but return to 35% in 2026.
- Farmland Property Taxes
 - Similar percentage increases as homeowners
 - Greater increases coming



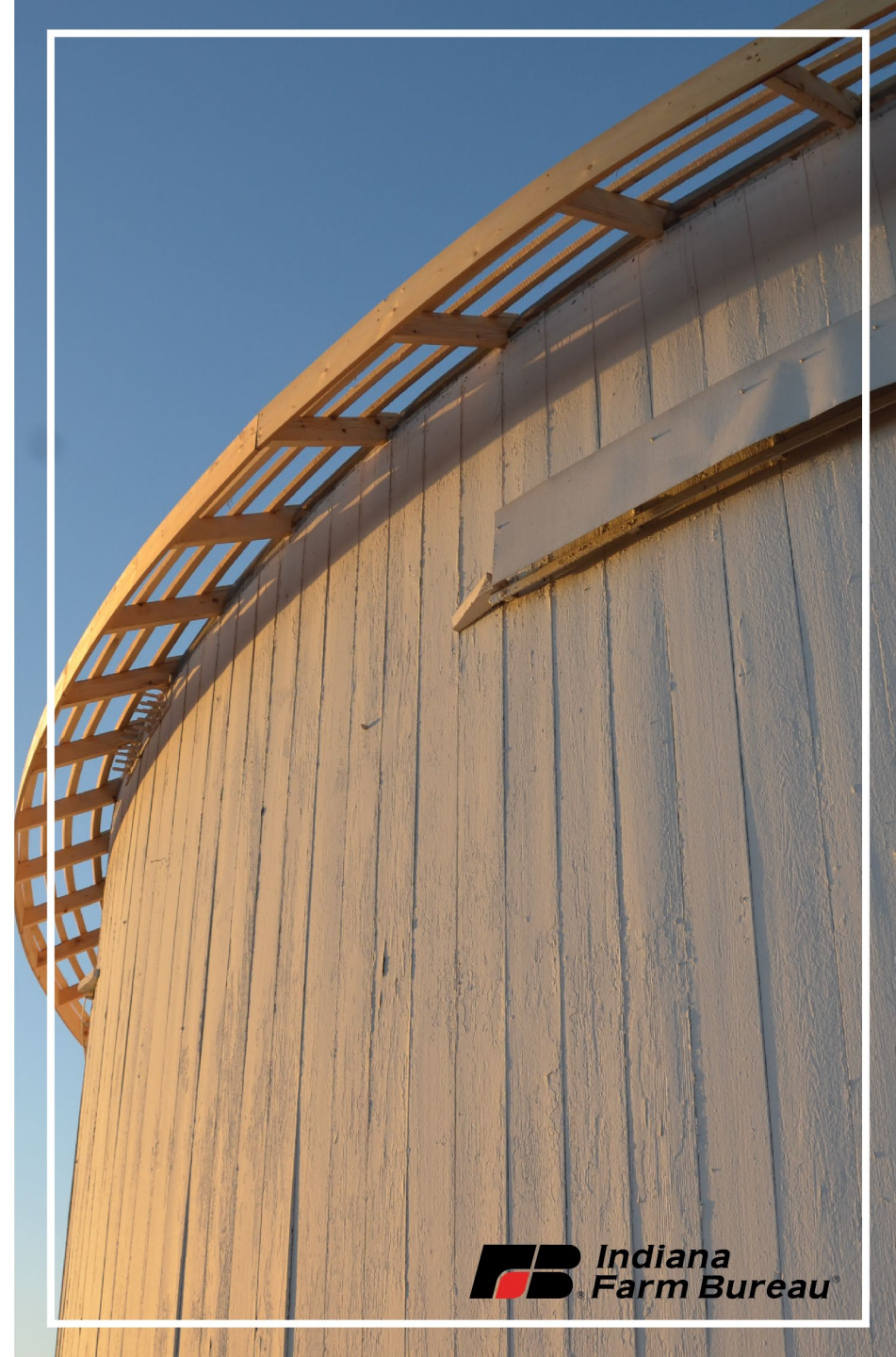
Budget & Taxes

- HEA 1454
 - Tax relief for INFB Health Plans
 - More tools for local EMS funding
- SEA 325
 - Expanded eligibility for the homestead deduction by including decks, patios, gazebos, and pools in the definition of a “homestead.”
- SEA 419
 - Moves away from double direct test somewhat
 - 100% exempt if it is predominantly used for exempt agricultural uses; or
 - Exempt on a prorated basis representing a percentage of its exempt use if it is not predominantly used for exempt agricultural uses.



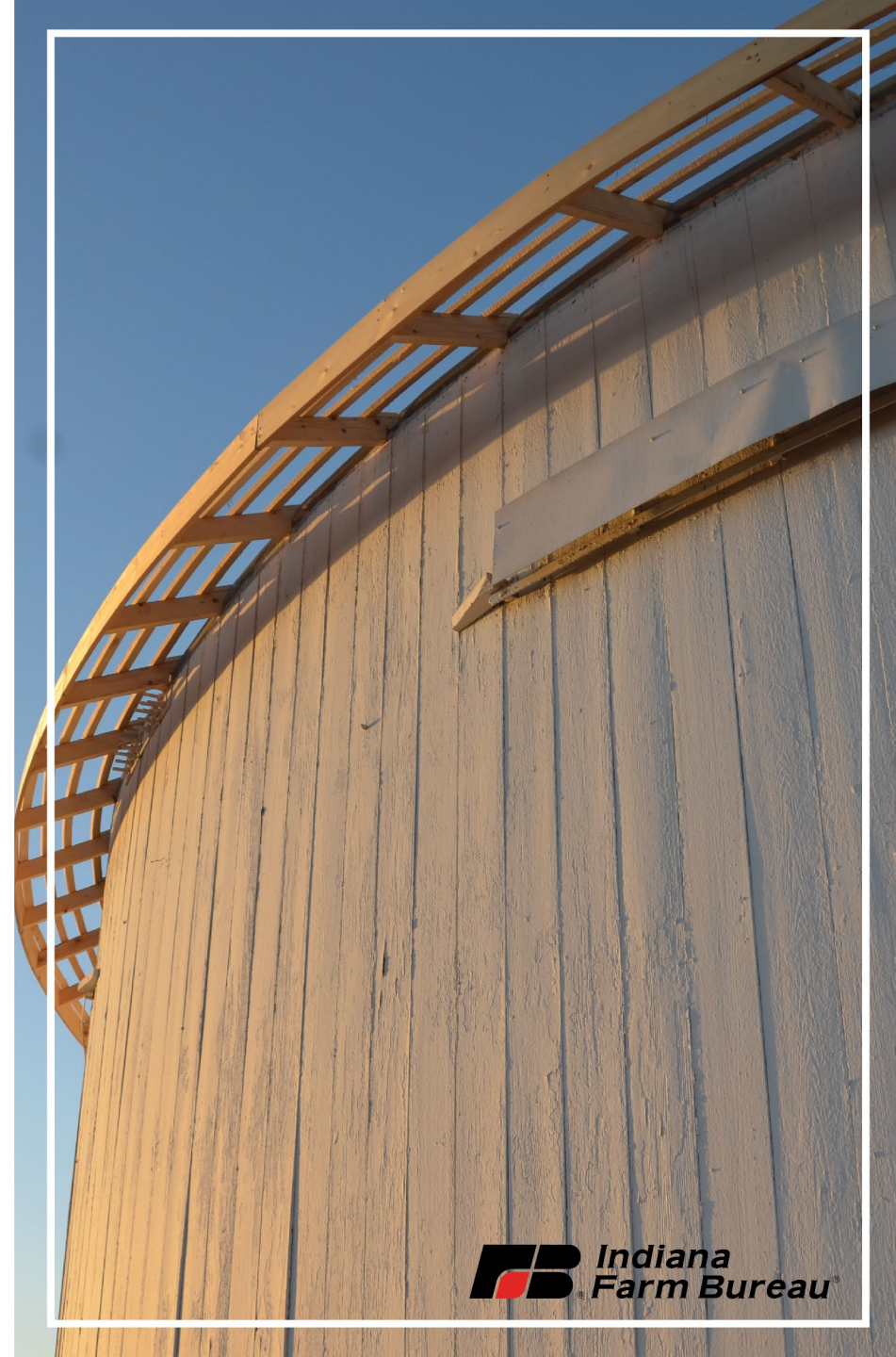
Budget & Taxes

- IGBWLA – new line item
 - \$600k
 - Increase in allowable fee spending
- Purdue
 - ADDL
 - County Extension Educators
- ISDA - \$6M
 - Clean Water Indiana
- BOAH - \$250K
 - Poultry vet, epidemiologist
- Restored CTE Funding



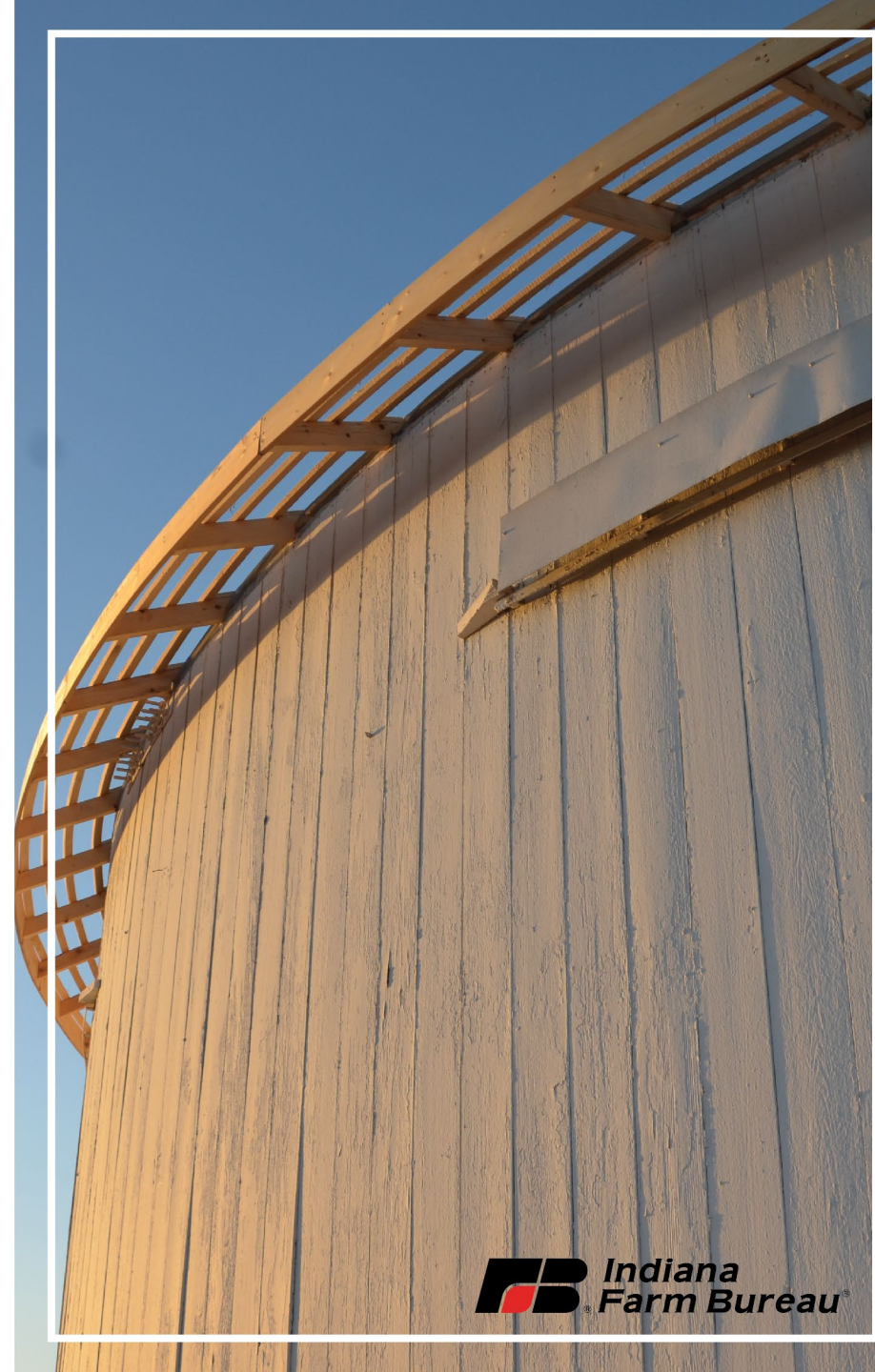
Energy & Environment

- SEA 451
 - 40% of cash rent
 - Expiration of pilot in 5 years
 - Restored judicial remedies
- Wetlands (414)
 - Inserted into a septic bill
 - Ultimately removed
 - Would have further deregulated
- HEA 1420
 - Expands ROFR law
 - Congestion & reliability
 - New transmission coming



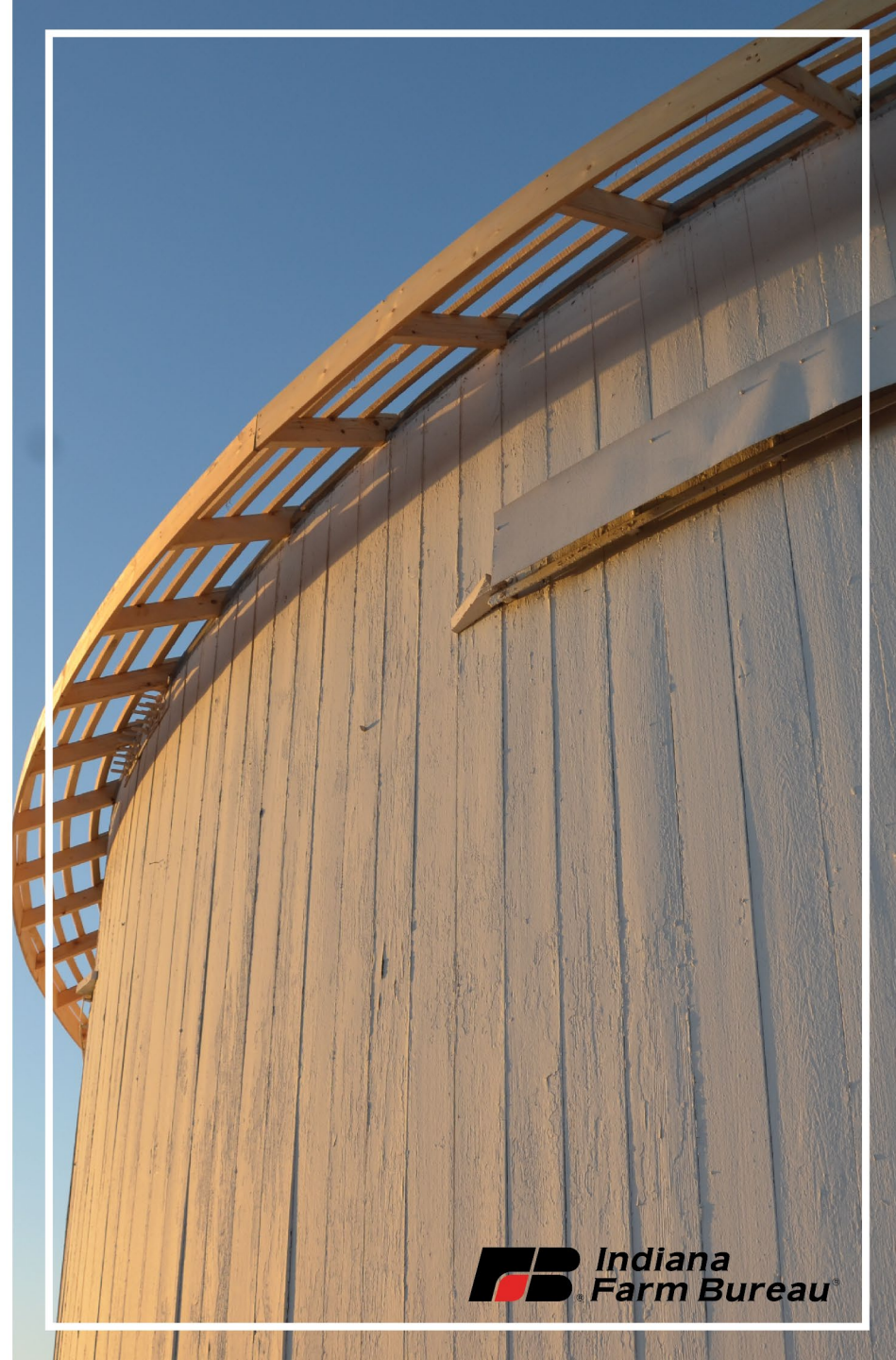
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- HEA 1304
 - Lake and River Enhancement
 - Boat registration fees
 - \$2.5M
- SEA 155
 - Allows ERB to increase air permit fees
 - Largely for major operators
- \$10M for Harrison Trust
- \$30M for Trails



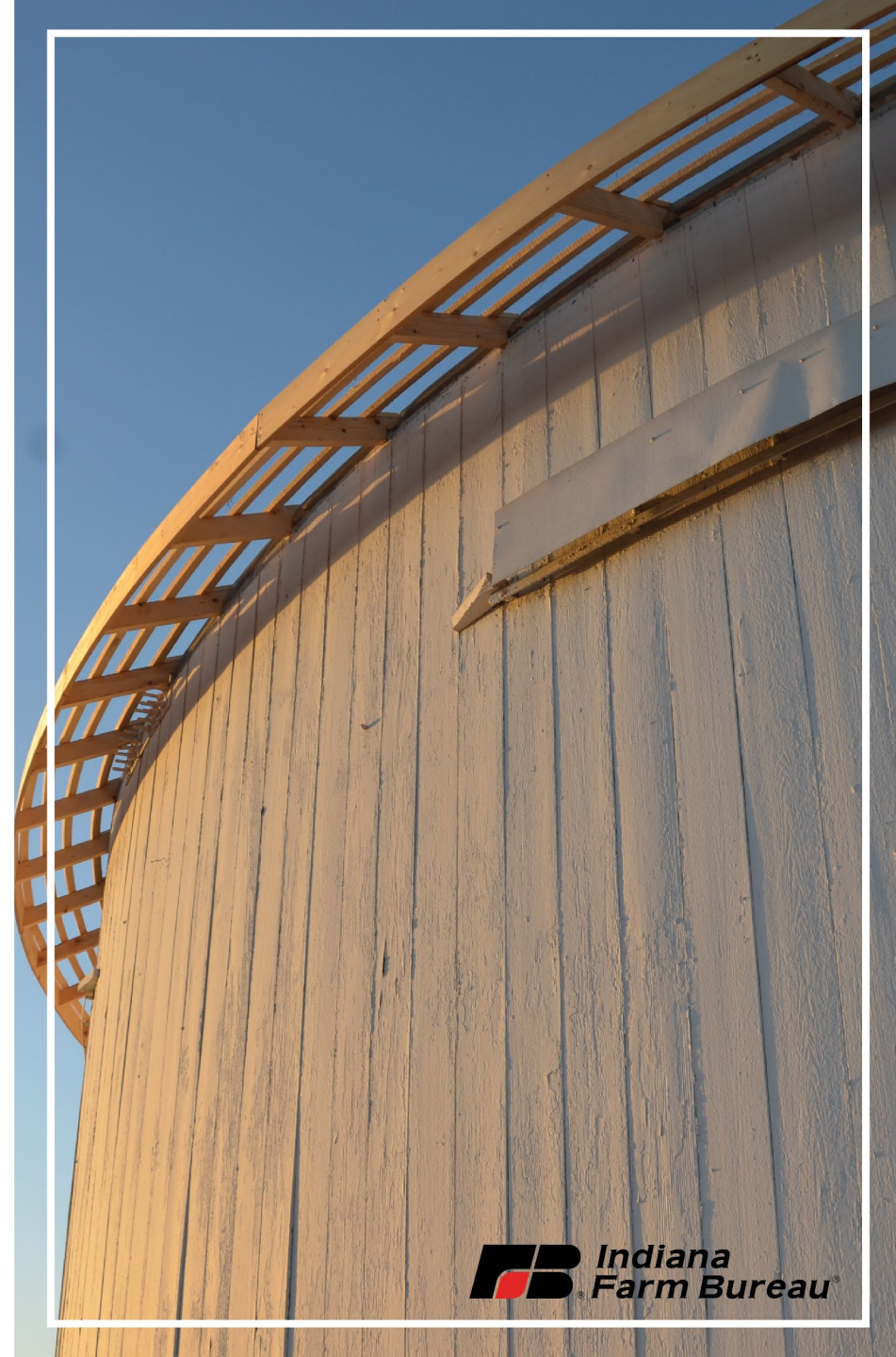
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- SEA 242
 - allows use of the state’s updated floodplain maps,
 - options for property owners to get their portion of the floodplain professionally surveyed or to request a review of potential errors in the state’s maps,
 - Hydrologic data
 - requires training for local floodplain administrators beginning in 2025,
 - Sellers disclosure to buyer’s about floodplain



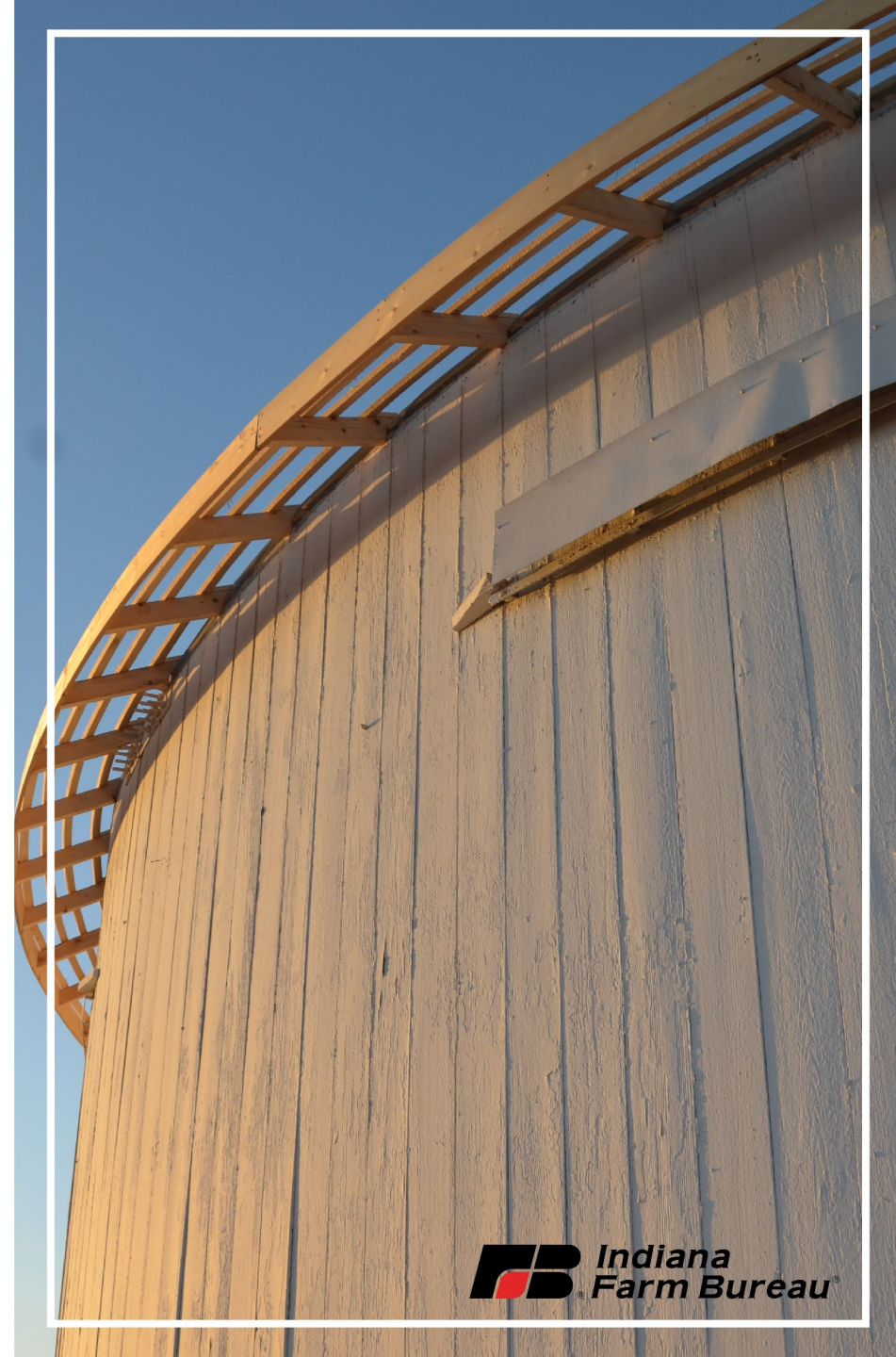
Food Security

- HEA 1132
 - Land Use Task Force
 - Six legislators
 - Residential construction; agriculture, business, food & beverage, economic development, planning & zoning, real estate
 - growth trends in rural, urban and suburban communities
 - how they can better position themselves to attract economic development and protect prime farmland.
- HEA 1557
 - Inventory of lost farmland



Rural Viability

- SEA 4 – Governor’s Public Health commission
 - \$225M for local health departments
 - Requires opt-in by Counties
 - 77 counties have opted in
 - Requires offering additional core preventive public health services
 - Health screenings
 - Immunizations
 - Disease prevention
 - Maternal and child health
 - Current funding ranges \$83 per capita in Marion
 - \$1.25 per capita in Shelby





Drainage Task Force

- SEA 85 – 2022
 - Authored by Sen. Jean Leising
 - Membership
 - Six Members of the Senate
 - Six Members of the House
 - IDEM
 - DNR
 - County drainage board
- Indiana Farm Bureau
County Surveyor
Farm Managers & Appraisers
County SWCD

Duties

- Review the responsibilities of landowners; state and local authorities under current drainage laws
 - Drain maintenance, repair, role of drainage boards
 - Federally & state regulated wetlands
 - The Indiana Flood Control Act

Duties

- Determine:
 - Whether local authority over drainage is shifting from local to state;
 - The extent to which drainage needs are yielding to conservation and pollution control objectives
 - Whether the regulatory requirements and costs of farm conservation are too great
 - Whether floodway permits should apply to building fences, removing tree limbs and stumps on farmed floodway
 - Whether state authority of agricultural drainage is greater in IN than neighboring states

Meetings

- November 2022
 - INFB
 - Steve Slonaker – Farm Manager
 - History of Drainage Law
 - LSA
 - Public Testimony
- December 2022
 - DNR
 - IDEM
 - ISDA – DSC
 - Wetlands Task Force Review
- Next Meeting
 - September 14, 2023



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For Section 401 Water Quality Certifications, Isolated Wetland permits, Construction in a Floodway permits or other construction along streams, lakes, or dams ONLY.

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Please outline your Area of Disturbance on the map and answer the remaining questions below.

For specific instructions: [Full Instructions](#)

Project Location*

Name*



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QUESTIONS?