

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors
April 24, 2013
Pocahontas County Courthouse
Board of Supervisors Room

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:32. Board members present were Paul Beneke, Keith Dencklau, Stan Watne, Ken Chalstrom and Don McGregor. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert

The minutes were approved as presented on motion by Beneke and second by Dencklau.

John reported that he had visited Calhoun, Humboldt and Emmet Counties since the last board meeting. He provided the board with a news report from the Ft. Dodge Messenger about his presentation to the Humboldt County Board.

Financial Reports – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of March. As of March 31st, IDAA had expended \$120,858.33 or 74.20% of the budget. It had received \$133,327.14 or 92.56% of the budget. John indicated that barring surprises, we should be under budget at year-end of expenses and over budget for revenues. The financial report was accepted on motion by McGregor and second by Watne.

CFS Update – John provided the board with an update on the CFS program showing the programs finances through April 15.

FEMA-DNR issue – John shared with the board an email from Shawn Richmond at IDALS concerning this issue. This information (contained in this board packet) will be forwarded to the appropriate counties.

Drainage law directory – John has received quotations on doing a new version of the Iowa Drainage and Road law book. It used be privately produced by a commercial printer but has not been updated in many years. John felt it would be a great service to membership if IDDA could reprint this book. (The quotes can be found in the board booklet) The board was enthusiastic about the project but asked John to collect additional information

- Make sure sales tax implications of selling the book are dealt with
- Get new cost numbers based on “fine tuning” the quotation already received
- Determine how the book would be updated each year
- Determine the interest in selling advertising in the book to offset the cost of production.

John will report back to the board at the next meeting

Preliminary budget discussion – John presented the board with a memo concerning the mutual protection fund and how the monies in that fund might be used. Some of those recommendations will be contained in John’s budget proposal to the board in June.

State nutrient reduction strategy – John reported that this issue has been fairly quiet of late while IDALS staff goes through all the public comments that were received.

New Farmers Case – John reported that he had attended the district court hearing in Monona County on April 12th and felt like the proceedings had gone very well.

Legislative Report – John reported that HF 152 had passed and was on its way to the Governor. Funding for ag drainage wells and the CREP programs appears to be safe.

Flood mitigation board – John reported that Governor Branstad had appointed him to the flood mitigation board and that the state senate had confirmed his appointment. The first meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, April 30th.

The next meeting of the IDDA board will be on Wednesday, June 26th and 9:30 a.m. in Pocahontas County.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted;

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director