

## Minutes

### IDDA Board of Directors Meeting

June 29, 2011

Pocahontas County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Harlan Hansen. Board members present were Myron Amdahl, Ken Chalstrom, Paul Beneke, Ron Smith and Phil Condon. Also present was executive director John Torbert.

The minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented on motion by Amdahl and second by Condon.

John reported that he had visited Clay, Emmet, O'Brien, Winnebago and Worth Counties since the last board meeting.

John reviewed the financial report for the month of May. On motion by Smith and second by Beneke, the financial report was accepted.

John reviewed a proposed amendment to the IDDA budget for 2011. Budgeted expenses would decrease to \$153,405, a reduction of 9.95%. Budgeted income would decrease to \$162,940, a reduction of 1.67%. After discussion, the budget amendment was approved as presented on motion by Beneke and second by Condon.

John presented the IDDA proposed budget for 2011-2012. Total projected revenues would be \$177,450 and total expenses would be \$146,775. The budget does not include any increases in retirement of compensation. Those would be factored in once those decisions were made. On motion by Beneke and second by Amdahl, the budget was approved as presented.

The board excused John Torbert from the meeting to discuss salary and fringe benefits for 2011-2012. When John returned, on motion by Beneke and second by Amdahl, the salary of the executive director would increase by 5%, Retirement contributions would increase by 8% to keep pace with IPERS. Motion was approved.

The TP Anderson company financial services contract for the next fiscal year was presented. The cost of the contract would be \$5,380. On motion by Smith and second by Beneke, the contract proposal was approved.

FEMA has requested that IDDA form a committee to work with FEMA to determine operating and maintenance standards for drainage districts to ensure that drainage districts are eligible for FEMA public assistance in the event of disaster declaration. Vicki Stoller, executive director of Two Rivers Levee and Drainage Association called in to take part in the discussion telephonically. It was determined

that John and Vicki would set up a meeting with key FEMA personnel to discuss this idea and to make sure they understood that IDDA does not have any ability to set standards to make any requirement on drainage districts.

John gave the CFS update.

John reported that the association's former secretary treasurer had been sentenced on June 28<sup>th</sup> for her embezzlement of IDDA funds. She was sentenced to a 10 year suspended sentence with three years of probation.

John reported that the legislature is still in session and reviewed the bills that have passed to date affecting drainage.

John reviewed a printing proposal he had received from Nite Own Printing. He was directed to continue to look into the proposal.

With respect to the legal update, the Supreme Court has not yet set a date for hearing the Calhoun County railroad case. Also, the state has not set a date when the New Farmers Drainage District case will be taken up by the DNR.

John reported that FSA state director John Whittaker has made has proposal to his superiors in Washington D.C. on the nesting season restriction but has not heard back at this time.

John also reported that the NRCS mitigation issue on the drainage pilot projects has not yet been resolved.

Per board instructions, John had contacted State Conservationist Richard Sims regarding IDDA membership on the state technical committee. IDDA heard back on May 3<sup>rd</sup> that we would be added to the committee.

The next meeting date will be September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

John Torbert, Executive Director