

Minutes  
IDDA Board of Directors  
March 19, 2014  
Pocahontas County Courthouse  
Pocahontas, IA

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Other board members present were Paul Beneke, Ron Smith, Stan Watne, Ken Chalstrom and Keith Dencklau. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert.

The minutes of the 1/29/2014 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Chalstrom and second by Dencklau.

County visits – John reported that he had visited Clay, Hancock, Kossuth and Winnebago County since the last board meeting.

Financial Report – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of February. In the IDDA general fund, expenses have been \$108,071.92 (66.32% of budget). Income has been \$155,597.77 (91.53% of budget). In the litigation account, expenses have been \$34,906.79 (88.48% of budget). Income has been \$31,346.25 (126.39% of budget). On motion by Watne and second by Smith, the financial reports were accepted.

CFS update – John reviewed the CFS budgets through the end of February. He indicated that the CFS employees will not be marketing the program in the foreseeable future due to the fact that available dollars are already committed several years out. John indicated that he is going to meeting with DSC director Jim Gillespie after the legislative session to discuss additional funding opportunities for CREP.

Drainage law book – John reported that the book has been received very well. We have also had a request to make electronic versions available. He is going to discuss this with the publisher to determine a course of action and then Harlan and John will make a decision.

Annual meeting update – John reported that we have booked the Best Western Starlite again and that the annual meeting in 2014 will be December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Starlite is now charging a room rental charge of \$100 in addition to the food and beverage costs.

Legislative Report – John reported on the status of SF 2191, SF 2273, HF 2273 and HF 2344. All bills are in good shape and should see final passage. The appropriations process is well underway and we are watching it closely.

Railroad issues - John reported that he, IDDA attorney Doug Struyk, Pottawattamie County supervisor Scott Belt and Ivan Droessler, p.e. had met with representatives

of the Union Pacific to discuss ongoing issues. John reported that the discussions are going well and are continuing. Once we have a resolution of the issues, information will be prepared for the IDDA membership.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in Pocahontas at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE  
Executive Director