

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other board members present were Bev Juhl, Don McGregor (telephonically), Stan Watne and Scott Jacobs. Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert and Humboldt County drainage clerk Trish Egli.

John suggested two additions to the agenda – discussion of IDDA board vacancies and discussion on check signing authority. Both items were added on motion by Watne and second by McGregor

Board vacancies – John indicated that both Jerry Haverly and Ed Noonan had been defeated in their bids for reelection and thus there will be two vacancies on the board starting with the January term. Under the bylaws, vacancies are filled by appointment of the board. That will be schedule as an action item for the January 11 board meeting.

Check Signing Authority – John indicated we will need to discuss this issue and decide what to do with Jerry Haverly going off the board.

Minutes - The minutes of the 9/21/16 meeting were approved as written on motion by McGregor and second by Watne

County Visits – John reported that he had visited Winnebago and Webster Counties since the last board meeting.

Membership Report – John presented the board with a membership report for 2016-17 He said that he had been in contact with the Franklin County auditor who had indicated they planned to rejoin for this fiscal year. Also, Scott Jacobs had talked with the Pocahontas County board and they were going to put the approval of IDDA membership on their agenda for 11/22/16. John reported that he had met with Jim Hudson and that the meeting had gone well. He shared with the board a letter from Mr. Hudson where he indicated he was willing to help train newly elected county officials on drainage law.

Financial Reports – John provided a copy of the October financial report

October, 2016 financial report

Expenses of \$68,482.30 or 35.8% of budget

Income was \$123,991.72 or 69.66% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, Thus far this year, the litigation fund has had expenses of \$106,776.25 and income of \$88,850.07 (plus a carry-over balance of \$100,582.43)

The financial reports were approved on motion by Watne and second by McGregor

DMWW lawsuit and fundraising- John brought the board up to date on the status of the DMWW lawsuit. A decision from the Iowa Supreme Court on the state law allegations is expected soon. John updated the board of the status of funding for the Des Moines waterworks lawsuit and provided the board with a spreadsheet.

CFS Update - John updated the board on the status of the CFS program and provided the board with the latest spreadsheets on the program. He indicated that our contract for the CFS program will expire at the end of November but that the state does have the option of renewing the program for one more year. John indicated that he has had a preliminary indication from the state that they will renew the contract for an additional year. He stated he will be meeting with the IDAS bureau chief in charge of the program on November 17.

Annual Meeting - John reported that we have moved the meeting to December 9 due to a conflict with the ISAC fall school. He presented the board with a tentative agenda for the meeting. All of last year's sponsors have signed up again for 2017 with one exception which John is working on. He also showed the board an organizational packet that will be used for this year's meeting.

Speak PR Contract - John said the contract with Speak PR had expired and that they had produced a media kit and member survey for us.

Minimal Effect issue - The NRCS is attempting to change the minimal effect exemption. Persons can request a minimal effect exemption for wetland conversions. John is working with Farm Bureau and the Agribusiness Association to craft a joint response to the proposal.

Nominating Committee - The terms of Keith Dencklau and Bev Juhl expire at the end of 2016. A nominating committee of Noonan, McGregor and Egli has been appointed. Don indicated that they had not met yet but that he would follow up with Ed Noonan.

Next meeting date - The next meeting of the board will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director