

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Board members present were Paul Beneke, Don McGregor, Keith Dencklau, Ken Chalstrom and Stan Watne. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert.

Election of officers – on motion by Beneke and second by Chalstrom, Harlan Hansen was unanimously elected President. On motion by McGregor and second by Watne, Paul Beneke was elected Vice-President.

The minutes of 11/20/2013 were reviewed and approved as presented on motion by McGregor and second by Watne.

County visits – John reported that he had visited Webster County on January 28.

Financial reports – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of December. In the IDDA general fund, revenues have been \$81,123.88 (49.7% of budget) and revenues have been \$146,801.29 (86.35% of budget). On the litigation fund, revenues have been \$28,621.54 (115.40% of budget) and expenses have been \$24,392.50 (61.8% of budget). John reported that there were no budget problems as of this time. The financial reports were accepted on motion by Chalstrom and second by Beneke

CFS report – John reviewed the CFS reports. The first year of the new grant budget concluded on January 15, 2014. John reported that only 92.7% of the budget was expended.

Drainage law books – John reported that the books have been completed and distribution has started. John then reviewed a recommendation on how the books should be priced. After discussion, the consensus was to move forward on the basis of the recommendation as presented.

Annual Meeting – John reviewed the evaluations received on the 2013 meeting. The board further decided that we would keep our meeting schedule of the first Friday in December for 2014, which would place our meeting on December 5. There was also general consensus to stay in Fort Dodge and return to the Starlite. However, the preference was expressed that we obtain a bigger meeting room at the facility. John is also going to check into other facilities in Fort Dodge.

Resource panel issue – John was encouraged to utilize IDDA supporters on our annual meeting resource panel.

Legislative report - John reviewed the status of legislation we are following thus far. That is includes the trustee qualification bill, the warrant bill and HF 460. John also reviewed a proposal from Rep. Deyoe that would change drainage assessments to a per acre basis. The decision was made that we would oppose that bill. Lengthy discussion on HF 460, which, among other things, would increase, bid thresholds. The board agreed that we would support that bill.

Railroads – John reviewed correspondence from the Union Pacific Railroad. John and the IDDA attorney Doug Struyk will be meeting the UP again on January 31st.

Flood mitigation board – John brought the board up to date on the status of the Flood Mitigation Board

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director