

## Minutes

IDDA Board of Directors

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Pocahontas County Courthouse

Pocahontas, Iowa

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

The minutes of the June 29<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Smith and second by Beneke.

John reported that he had visiting Clinton and Greene Counties since the last board meeting.

The financial report from TP Anderson Company for the month of August was reviewed. John reported that he had inserted a budget category for the litigation account spending and that the chart of accounts had been revised so that the categories match the categories on the summary financial report. The report was accepted on motion by Condon and second by Chalstrom.

John updated the board on the status of the CFS program.

Legal Report – John reported that the Calhoun County railroad case had been heard by the Iowa Supreme Court on September 20. John had attended the hearing. A decision is expected in late 2011 or early 2012. John also reported that settlement discussions were under way on the New Farmers Drainage District Case. That case is set to go back before an administrative law judge on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. John is hopeful that the case can be settled prior to that time.

CRP buffers and nesting season restriction – John reported that the USDA policy has been changed to allow drainage districts to do maintenance work on CRP buffers during nesting season. The work would first of all have to be approved by the county committee.

NRCS Mitigation Issue – John reported that this is still very much up in the air. The state technical committee is set to meet on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and this item is on the agenda.

John reported on his trip to Mississippi to attend the Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force meeting.

IDDA Annual Meeting – John provided the board with a tentative agenda for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and said that the speakers are all lined up. He will now be working on lining up sponsors.

Nominating Committee – Board members whose terms expire in December are Myron Amdahl and Harlan Hansen. Harlan appointed Phil Condon, Paul Beneke and Margene Bunda to serve on the nominating committee. They will report back at the next board meeting.

The next meeting of the IDDA board will be on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

Executive Director