

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors Office

Members present were Harlan Hansen, Paul Beneke, Ken Chalstrom and Don McGregor. Executive Director John Torbert was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by President Harlan Hansen.

The minutes of the 11/15/2012 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by McGregor and second by Chalstrom.

Appointments to the IDDA board – Myron Amdahl and Phil Condon are no longer on the IDDA board as they did not seek re-election to their county supervisor's seats. Under the IDDA bylaws, this creates vacancies on the board that are filled by appointment of the board of directors. McGregor moved and Beneke seconded the motion that Keith Dencklau from Webster County replace Phil Condon and that Stan Watne from Wright County replace Myron Amdahl. Motion passed unanimously. They will fill out the remainder of the terms original three years terms of office. Keith's term will expire in December of 2013 and Stan's will expire in December of 2014. Stan Watne and Keith Dencklau then joined the board meeting.

Election of officers – On motion by McGregor and second by Chalstrom, it was moved that Harlan Hansen be elected President and Paul Beneke be elected as Vice-President. Motion passed.

County visits – John reported that he had visited Palo Alto County on January 29 and that he had scheduled upcoming visits in Wright and Kossuth Counties.

Financial reports – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of December and reported income of \$124,986.66 or 86.77% of budget and expense of \$81,910.40 or 50.29% of budget. In the litigation budget, total revenues for the year were \$14,144.53 and total expenditures for the year were \$35,000. Current balance in the CFS account is \$74,074.18. John said that as of the six month point in the year, he was not aware of any budget problem areas.

John also indicated that the bank signature cards would need to be changed now that Myron Amdahl is no longer on the board. The two authorized signatories on the account are currently Harlan Hansen and Myron Amdahl. It is rare that we have to go to the "back-up" signature but it does happen occasionally. It was agreed by the board that since Paul Beneke replaced Myron as vice-president, that he should be the second signature. John was directed to contact US Bank to find out how to put this change in effect.

CFS update – John reported that the state had decided to rebid the CFS contract in December. IDDA once again submitted a proposal which was accepted by the state. The new contract incepted on January 15. John highlighted the changes in the contract which mainly relate to scope of work. The IDDA proposal in response to the RFP and the new state contract were provided to the board for their information.

FEMA/DNR issue – John indicated that attorney Scott Power is still seeking resolution of this issue but as of yet, nothing has been finalized.

State Nutrient Reduction Strategy – John provided background on this issue and provided the board with copies of the position statement he had made on IDDA's behalf basically urging that the strategy should focus on voluntary efforts that farmers can take to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus loss.

Annual Conference – John provided the board with the results of the meeting evaluation form from the 2012 conference. He felt that everyone seemed to like the new "resource panel" idea. On motion by McGregor and second by Dencklau, it was decided to hold the 2013 on Friday, December 6th and the Starlite Village Hotel in Fort Dodge.

John reported that he is being considered as an appointee to the new flood mitigation board.

Legal update – John reported that there was no new news on the Calhoun County railroad issue. The New Farmers case will be heard in district court in Monona County sometime in 2013.

John reviewed two pieces of legislation that IDDA is monitoring early in the session – HF 49 and SSB 1005. John also reported that there will probably be a number of drainage bills introduced by Representative Windschitl in response to drainage concerns raised in western Iowa after the floods of 2011.

Next meeting date – the next meeting of the board will be Wednesday, March 6th at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert
Executive Director