

Minutes  
IDDA Board of Directors  
November 20, 2013  
Pocahontas County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order at 1:15. Present were Harlan Hansen, Paul Beneke, Stan Watne, Ken Chalstrom, Keith Dencklau and Done McGregor. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert

The minutes of the 9/18/2013 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Dencklau and second by Watne.

County visits – John reported that he had visited Calhoun County since the last board meeting.

Financial reports – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of October. So far, we have expended \$54,741.91 or 33.59% of our budget and collected \$129,781.94 or 76.34% of the budget. With respect to the litigation fund, we have expended \$22,800 or 53.08% of the budget and collected \$20,822.99, which is 173.525 of the budget. John indicated that he did not see any problem areas with the budget at this time. The financial reports were approved on motion by Watne and second by Chalstrom.

CFS Update – John brought the board up to date on the status of the CFS program.

Drainage/road manual update – John reported that the manual will be ready for the annual conference and that we sold \$4,000 worth of advertising.

Annual meeting update – John reviewed the agendas for the both the annual meeting and business meeting. He reported that we have already started receiving registrations.

Railroads – John reviewed a letter that the IDDA attorney had sent to Union Pacific Railroad regarding our position on railroad repairs involving drainage districts. As of yet, the Union Pacific has not responded. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Legislative Report – John indicated that he is in the process of pulling the final legislative recommendations together for the membership vote at the annual meeting.

Litigation fund budget amendment – John presented the board with a suggested amendment to the litigation fund budget. Under the amendment – expenses would decrease by \$3,500 and income would increase by \$12,802. The net result of this would be that our year-end carryover projection for June 2013 would increase by

\$16,302. The amendment was approved as presented on motion by Watne and second by Dencklau.

Due increase – John indicated that IDDA had not increased dues for eight years and that while an increase was not mandatory, he thought it would be prudent fiscally to increase membership dues. Current county dues are assessed at 2 cents/acre. John provided a chart to the board showing the results of increases in  $\frac{1}{4}$  penny increments. Each increase of  $\frac{1}{4}$  penny would increase revenue by \$11,550 – assuming the same membership numbers. On motion by Watne and second by Dencklau, the decision was made to increase dues for the 2015 fiscal year to 2.5 cents/acre. Motion passed unanimously. This will be announced at the annual meeting so that counties can put this into their budget process.

Nominating committee report – Keith Dencklau and Ron Smith will be recommended by the committee for three-year terms. Stan Watne will give the report.

Flood mitigation board – John reported on the activities of the flood mitigation board and stated that they are going to start making funding decisions.

Next meeting date – The board's next meeting date will Wednesday, January 29 at the Pocahontas County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE  
Executive Director