

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors
Pocahontas County Courthouse
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Harlan Hansen. Other board members present were Don McGregor, Keith Dencklau and Stan Watne. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert. Guests present were Scott Jacobs, Calhoun County supervisor and Ed Noonan, Palo Alto County supervisor.

Appointment of board members to fill vacancies on board – It was moved by McGregor and seconded by Dencklau to appoint Ed Noonan, Scott Jacobs and Bev Juhl (Emmet County Supervisor) to fill board vacancies. Their terms would be as follows – Scott Jacobs and Ed Noonan’s terms would expire on 12/31/15 and Bev Juhl’s terms would expire on 12/31/2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2015 – It was moved by Watne and seconded by McGregor that Harlan Hansen be elected President and Keith Dencklau be elected vice-president. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – The minutes of the 11/19/14 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Watne and second by McGregor

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

Financial Reports – Financial reports through December of 2014 were presented to the board –

IDDA General Fund – Income - \$166,165 (87.7% of budget)
IDDA General Fund – Expense - \$ 90,094 (53.2% of budget)

IDDA litigation fund – Income - \$ 21,054 (103.6% of budget)
IDDA litigation fund - Expense - \$ 25,015 (73.4% of budget)

On motion by McGregor and second by Noonan, the financial reports were accepted

CFS – John updated the board on the status of the CFS program. February 15 will start the new contract year for the grant program.

WOTUS update – John shared with the board comments on the floor of the senate by US Senator Chuck Grassley asking EPA to withdraw the rule.

Oil Pipeline – John reported that IDDA representatives would be meeting with representatives of the proposed oil pipeline across Iowa on February 27.

Annual Meeting – John reviewed the evaluations for the 2014 annual meeting. He stated that we would need to increase the registration fee in 2015 to cover the increased cost of the hotel facility. The board indicated a desire to go back to the same facility on our usual date – the first Friday in December which would be December 4. John indicated he would contact the hotel to get the date booked.

Legislative Reports – John provided the board with drafts of legislation that IDDA would be supporting. He also briefed them on the Governor’s budget requests.

Drainage law book update – John reported that he had received drafts of the updates from our publisher but had not had time to review them yet.

Status of railroad issue – John reported that we have collected all of the background information we need at this point and will be getting back together with the railroad.

Notice of intent to sue by Des Moines Waterworks – John brought the board up to date on the status of this legal action. He indicated that it is too early in the process for our board to take action but that we will need to request more funds from our membership to bolster the litigation fund. He said that would be discussed more at the next meeting.

Other business – John showed the board a copy of an article he had authored for a soil and water conservation journal.

Next meeting date – Next board meeting will be March 4 at the Pocahontas County courthouse.

Respectfully submitted;

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director