

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2017
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All board members were present. Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert and Humboldt County drainage clerk Trish Egli.

Minutes - The minutes of the 6/28/17 meeting were approved as written on motion by Watne and second by Pedersen.

County Visits - John reported that he had visited Clay and Greene Counties.

Membership Update - The board was provided with a copy of the most recent membership list including contributions to the Mutual Protection Fund.

Des Moines Waterworks Fundraising update and distribution of funds - The board was provided with the latest information on the status of fundraising for the DMWW case. Currently, there is \$20,000 eligible for distribution to the three counties. The board advised Keith and John, the two IDDA representatives on the fund distribution committee that they would support allocating the entire \$20,000 to the counties. Discussion was held about taking an additional \$5,000 from the Mutual Protection fund and also giving that to the counties. Watne moved and Pedersen seconded that IDDA provide \$5,000 from its legal defense fund to the three counties. Motion was approved with Jacobs abstaining.

Financial Reports - John provided a copy of the August financial report

August, 2017 financial report

Expenses of \$34,601.22 or 17.58% of budget

Income was \$106,685.67 or 59.72% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, thus far this year, the litigation fund has had expenses of \$71,502.53 and income of \$62,972.00 (plus a carry-over balance of \$87,181.95) The financial reports were approved on motion by McGregor and second by Jacobs

CFS Update - John reported that the CFS program is back to its full staff level. Training of new staff resulted in higher than anticipated payroll costs. John indicated that a revised budget will be presented to the state once the September time and expense reports have been received.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws - John explained that the changes were necessary due to changes in state law for non-profit corporations. The changes had been drafted by the IDDA legal counsel. John reviewed the changes in depth and

said that they would appear in the next newsletter and be voted on at the annual meeting. After discussion, McGregor moved and Watne seconded that the articles of incorporation and bylaws changes be recommended to the general membership for approval. Motion passed.

Stream Mitigation – John provided the board with stream mitigation public comments that had been authored by Shawn Richmond signed off on by IDDA. A meeting has been held with leadership at DNR to approach the Corps of Engineers and seek revisions in their new methodology.

New General Permit 9 – John reported that there had been a new proposal discussed by DNR that would require obtain a permit if you were dewatering a ditch. This is routinely done by drainage contractors. John and Doug had met with DNR along with representatives of Farm Bureau. DNR is going to craft some language providing and exemption for drainage work.

Nominating Committee – Board members' terms who are expiring this year are Stan Watne and Rick Pedersen. The bylaws provide that a nominating committee must be appointed to make recommendations to the membership on those seats. President Dencklau appointed McGregor, Wirtz and Egli to be the nominating committee. They will report to the membership at the annual meeting.

Annual meeting – John presented the board with a tentative agenda for the annual meeting. Trish Egli asked that the timing of some of the presentations be switched so that they could hear the presentation on remonstrance. John will make that change in the agenda.

Next meeting date – The next meeting of the board will be Thursday, November 16th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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