

**Minutes**  
**IDDA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2018**  
**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.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the 2/7/18 meeting were approved as written on motion by McGregor and second by Pedersen.

**County Visits** - John reported that he had visited Emmet, Humboldt, O'Brien, Winnebago and Wright Counties.

**Financial Reports** - John provided a copy of the February financial report

**December 2017 financial report**

Expenses of \$129,741.33 or 65.93% of budget

Income was \$166,963.54 or 93.46% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, thus far this year, the litigation fund has had expenses of \$99,405.28 and income of \$81,296.42 (plus a carry-over balance of \$87,181.95) The financial reports were approved on motion by Jacobs and second by Watne.

**Health/Life insurance** - John updated the board on the status of his health and life insurance. IDDA was able to start its own health insurance group which will provide insurance to the executive director and potentially, other IDDA employees. The policy was more expensive than what had been offered through Pocahontas County but John noted that the Pocahontas policy was due for a rate increase June 1<sup>st</sup> which would likely bring the cost to a more even point. John also reported that he was able to find a different carrier for his life insurance policy which will be a level term premium for 10 years and will be cheaper than the existing policy. It was cheaper to pay the entire first year premium in one check so John elected to do that. Because of these changes, John noted that the insurance line item on the budget will be overspent this year.

**CFS Update** - John updated the board on the status of this program. Everything is fine internally but CREP work has slowed down dramatically due to issues with the Corps of Engineers that have to be resolved.

**Annual Meeting Update** - John shared with the board a copy of the contract for 2018 and noted that the meeting will be held on December 7 at the same place.

**Website update** – John said that the website has been reformatted and that he will now be doing to updates on the website instead of having to contract that service out. That will save money in the next budget.

**Legislative Report** – John stated that the main thing they are watching now is the appropriation process.

**Stream Mitigation** – John indicated that DNR and IDALS had their first meeting with the Corps and that progress has been made. Unofficially, it has been determined that drainage ditch maintenance and cleanout work will not require a permit. The issue of additional mitigation for drainage improvements has been discussed but has not yet been resolved. Discussions are continuing.

**Next meeting date** – The next meeting of the board will be Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

*John T. Torbert*

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Executive Director