

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2018
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were Don McGregor, Jeff Quastad and Keith Wirtz. Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Minutes - The minutes of the 9/12/18 meeting were approved as written on motion by McGregor and second by Quastad.

IDDA Board - Three board members have terms expiring at the end of 2018 - Don McGregor, Scott Jacobs and Keith Wirtz. Don McGregor has retired from county government. Scott Jacobs and Keith Wirtz both have indicated a willingness to keep serving. Keith and Scott will be recommended to the membership for new three years terms. The recommendation on the replacement for Don McGregor is Roger Tjarks from Kossuth County. Additionally, Stan Watne has retired from county government. That creates a vacancy. Under IDDA bylaws, vacancies are filled by the board of directors. The decision was that Barry Anderson from Clay County would replace Stan. Both those items were approved by the board on motion by Quastad and second by McGregor.

County Visits - John reported that due to the time required to respond to the WFS RFP from the state that he had not had time to do any county visits since the last meeting. Visits would be starting again.

Financial Reports - John provided the October financial report to the board.

October, 2018 report

Expenses of \$64,684.05 or 34.07% of budget

Income was \$137,817.36 or 79.63% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$18,362.75 and income has been \$33,815.15.

The financial reports were approved on motion by McGregor and second by Wirtz.

Membership report - John provided the board with an updated membership report

CFS Update - John updated the board on the status of this program. He provided the board with a copy of the RFP for the next three years of the program and IDDA's response to the RFP. The program will now be called the Wetland Field Specialist Program - not the CREP Field Specialist program. John reported that IDDA had been

selected to provide staffing and other support services for the program for the next three years with optional one-year renewals past that. He further reported that he has a contract negotiation session set with the state for November 20th at 9 a.m.

Legislative Report – John reported that some environmental groups will be approaching the legislature next year with proposals to “empower” drainage districts in the water quality area. This would create tremendous problems because of the legal obligations it would cause. John will be drafting language to present to the membership at the annual meeting opposing this change.

Stream Mitigation – John reported that the Corps should be out with a new stream mitigation plan soon. He also noted that DNR may be changing what happens when dirt is removed during a drainage excavation. They have verbally indicated that the dirt may have to be removed or spread thinly around the area. This would be contrary to current practice. This is being investigated.

Annual Meeting – John provided a tentative agenda to the board which they approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

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Executive Director