

**Minutes**  
**IDDA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**  
**Clay County Courthouse**

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were Jeff Quastad, Rick Pedersen and Barry Anderson. Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert and Humboldt County drainage clerk Trish Egli.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the 02/06/19 meeting were approved as written on motion by Anderson and second by Pedersen.

**County Visits** - John reported that he has visited Clay, Dickinson, Humboldt, Winnebago and Wright Counties since the last board meeting.

**Financial Reports** - John provided the March financial report to the board.

**March, 2018 report**

Expenses of \$146,363.90 or 77.10% of budget

Income was \$168,756.13 or 97.5% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$21,529.00 and income has been \$35,277.01.

John also presented the board with a current listing of accounts receivable.

The financial reports were accepted on motion by Pedersen and second by Quastad

**WFS Update** - John provided a financial year report for the WFS program and reported that the program is going well

**Legislative Report** - John provided the board with a memo listing all the bills we are watching at this point, what our position is on them and where they are in the process.

**Water Quality lawsuit** - John reported on a lawsuit that had been filed against the DNR and IDALS by Citizens for Community Improvement and the Food and Water Watch. The lawsuit generally contends that the state is not doing enough to protect our water resources and that mandatory (regulatory) measures are needed. John noted that while drainage districts are not a named party in the suit but that we could be eventually be impacted by it. At some point in the future, it may be in our best interests to file a friend of the court brief. We will monitor the lawsuit closely.

**Report by Charlie Schafer – Agri-Drain Corp** – Mr. Schafer advised the board that there are funding opportunities for water quality improvements under the federal farm bill and noted that it may be a good opportunity for drainage districts to incorporate water quality practices when they are doing drainage improvements. The board thanked Mr. Schafer for the information but took no action.

**WOTUS Status** -John brought the board up to date on the Waters of the United States regulatory proposal that is currently open for public comment. John presented the board with comments that had been prepared requesting that drainage ditches specifically be excluded from the proposed rule. On motion by Anderson and second by Quastad, those comments were approved.

**Next IDDA board meeting** – The next meeting of the board will be hosted by Humboldt County and take place on June 26.

Respectfully submitted,

*John T. Torbert*

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