

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Emmet County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were Jeff Quastad, Rick Pedersen, Barry Anderson, Roger Tjarks, Scott Jacobs and Linus Solberg (sitting in for Keith Wirtz.) Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert.

Minutes - The minutes of the 6/26/19 meeting were approved as written on motion by Pedersen and second by Quastad

County Visits – John reported that he had started the visits for the upcoming year in Palo Alto County and will be in Pocahontas in two weeks. He still has two counties to visit for the last fiscal year – Pottawattamie and O’Brien and he hope to get to those in October.

Financial Reports – John provided two financial reports to the board, the year end report for 2019 and the August report for 2019.

June, 2019 report (year-end)

Expenses of \$191,374 or 100.81% of budget

Income was \$175,837.39 or 101.59% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been 25,431.50 and income has been \$35,277.01

August, 2019 report

Expenses of \$33,864.01 or 17.41% of budget

Income of \$146,634.88 or 73.18% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$22,500 and income has been \$31,392.78

The financial reports were accepted on motion by Tjarks and second by Anderson.

Membership report – John brought the board up to date on membership for 2019-20 and stated that Bremer County has indicated they will join.

WFS Update –John provided a financial year report for the WFS program and reported that the program is going well. We are in the first year of a new contract and the second year will start on January 1.

Legislative Report – John provided the board with the copy of possible proposed legislation for 2020. The proposal grew out of requests of the drainage clerks. It

was the consensus of the board to take the proposal to membership for their discussion and approval during the annual meeting. Scott Jacobs also suggested that we take another look at statutes relating to railroad crossing drainage districts. John promised he would take a look at it.

FWS assessments – John shared with the board an email he had received from Deb Lukes, Wright County drainage clerk on the US Fish and Wildlife service not paying drainage assessments. It was agreed that Barry Anderson would see if NACo would be willing to pursue the issue. John will also be contacting Senator Grassley’s staff to see if they would be interested in helping.

WOTUS Status -John brought the board up to date on the Waters of the United States regulatory proposal. Final approval has been given to a regulation that now puts us back to where we were before the Obama administration changed the rule.

Nominating committee – Terms up the year are Keith Dencklau and Jeff Quastad. Both have agreed to continue serving on the board and the board, acting as committee of the whole, agreed to place their names in nomination

Next IDDA board meeting – The next meeting of the board will be hosted by Kossuth County and will take place on November 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

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Executive Director