

**Minutes**  
**IDDA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 21, 2019**  
**Kossuth County Courthouse**

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

**Minutes** - The minutes of the 9/25/19 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tjarks and second by Anderson

**County Visits** – John reported that he had visited O’Brien, Calhoun, Pocahontas and Kossuth Counties since the last board meeting.

**Financial Reports** – John provided the October financial report to the board.

**October, 2019 report**

Expenses of \$65,442.50 or 33.64% of budget

Income of \$151,663.24 or 75.68% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$23,987.50 and income has been \$31,544.44

The financial reports were accepted on motion by Jacobs and second by Wirtz.

**Membership report** – John brought the board up to date on membership for 2019-20.

**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.

**RCPP Request** – John reported on discussions he has held with Sean McMahon, Executive Director of the Iowa Ag Water Alliance regarding IDDA participation in an RCPP project entitled and Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage. Sean was hoping we could provide some in-kind match to the program by outreach to drainage trustees. The WFS program could also provide match. It is anticipated that IDDA would provide match of approximately \$204,500 over the five-year life span of the grant. IDDA could also anticipate some direct revenue as a result of our participation – hopefully about \$15,000. After discussion, it was moved by Anderson and seconded by Jacobs to authorize IDDA participation in the projects. Motion carried unanimously.

**Legislative Report** – John provided the board with the copy of possible proposed legislation for 2020. The board reviewed two proposals and agreed that they should be forwarded to our membership for approval at our annual meeting.

**FWS assessments** – John reported that he is working with Carol Olson from Senator Grassley’s staff on this issue. Although research is still being done, it appears at this time that federal legislation would be required to fix this problem

**Annual Meeting** – John reviewed the final agenda for the upcoming annual meeting. Roger Tjarks agreed to present the nominating report to the membership.

**Next IDDA board meeting** – The next meeting of the board will be hosted by Palo Alto County on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*John T. Torbert*

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Executive Director