

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Webster County Courthouse
Fort Dodge, IA

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

Minutes - The minutes of the 2/6/20 meeting were approved as written on motion by Pedersen and second by Anderson

County Visits – John reported that he had visited Humboldt, Emmet, Winnebago and Hancock Counties since the last board meeting and had upcoming visits scheduled with Bremer and Clay Counties.

Financial Reports – John provided the May financial report to the board;

May, 2020 report

Expenses of \$174,524.77 or 90.83% of budget
Income of \$186,753.35 or 98.86% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$28,150.00 and income has been \$33,198.59

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

TP Anderson Contract – John reviewed the TP Anderson contract proposal for next year for financial and other services. TP Anderson is asking for an increase of approximately 3.7%. The board accepted the proposal as presented on motion by Anderson and second by Pedersen

Budgets for FY '21 – John proposed a general operating budget and the litigation fund budget.

General Operating Budget

Expense - \$202,738 (5.5% increase)
Income- \$221,119 (13.9% increase)

Litigation Fund Budget

Expense - \$30,700
Income - \$36,825

The budgets were approved as presented on motion by Tjarks and second by Anderson

WFS Update –John provided a financial report for the WFS through the end of May. He stated that the program was not shut down to COVID 19 and that the WFS personnel had continued to bill hours.

FWS update – John stated that our efforts with Senator Grassley’s staff had to be restarted recently and that he is now working with Jamie Cummins.

Legislative Report – John reported that the legislature did not take up HF 2552 due to the tremendously shortened closing session and that we will have to start over again next year with this proposal.

Hardin County Court Case – John indicated that he had been contacted by David Johnson of the Brinton Law Firm in Clarion about filing a friend of the court brief on a case they are planning on appealing to the Iowa Supreme Court. The case involves a railroad issue and what that railroad was assessed for a repair after a reclassification was done. The board conferenced in Doug Struyk, IDDA legal counsel for further guidance on the issue. No action was taken

RCPPIAWA grant – John provided the board with a memo outlining progress to date on the grant.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd in Humboldt County.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

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Executive Director