

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Humboldt County Courthouse
Dakota City, 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 and Trish Erickson, Humboldt County Drainage clerk

Minutes - The minutes of the 6/24/20 meeting were approved as written on motion by Anderson and second by Pedersen.

County Visits – John reported that he had wrapped up his FY 2020 visits with every county except Dickinson which is not holding in-person meetings yet. He has started his FY 2021 visits and has been to Palo Alto and Pocahontas Counties.

Financial Reports – John provided two sets of financial reports to the board, the year-end report (June) for FY 2020 and the August report for FY 2021

June, 2020 report

Expenses of \$187,800.41 or 97.74% of budget
Income of \$189,651.24 or 100.19% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses were \$28,150 and income was \$33,198.59

August, 2020 report

Expenses of \$34,398.68 or 16.97% of budget
Income of \$157,997.69 or 73.68% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses have been \$24,118.75 and income has been \$38,991.94.

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

Membership Report – John updated the board on IDDA membership renewals for the current fiscal year and did the same for the litigation fund.

WFS Update – John provided a financial report for the WFS through the end of August. He expressed some concern about the low amount of activity in the program and stated he would be working with the state to determine why.

FWS update – John shared with the board communication he had received from Joseph Gilson on Senator Grassley's staff. Mr. Gilson had been in contact with FWS

and they are not budging from their position that FWS is not required to pay drainage assessments. He did not offer any solution to the issue.

Legislative Report – John stated that he has started to formulate the legislative program for next year.

RCPP/IAWA grant – John provided the board with a memo outlining progress to date on the grant.

WMA issue – John updated the board concerning issues raised by Palo Alto County concerning a WMA they are involved in. John shared some research that had been conducted by the IDDA legal counsel Doug Struyk and by Farm Bureau on the issue. Doug was conferenced in on a telephone call so further hear his analysis. After much discussion, it was determined that IDDA would assist Farm Bureau in trying to resolve some the issues disclosed by the research.

Annual Meeting, 2020- John shared with the board a memo he wrote containing his recommendations for the 2020 meeting. Under IDDA bylaws, it is required that we hold an annual meeting. State law at this time precludes us from holding a virtual meeting unless it is expressly allowed in our bylaws (it is not). John's recommendation was the we hold a 2020 meeting on the announced date of December 4 but that it be a **business meeting only**. There would be no speakers and no meal involved. It is anticipated that the meeting would last less than an hour and the only business conducted would be a financial report on FY 2020, approval of the legislative program for 2021 and election of officers. John's recommendation was approved on motion by Anderson and second by Pedersen. John also indicated that the ballot he had sent out on the issue had a very low response and were not conclusive.

Nominating Committee - The board terms of Barry Anderson and Rick Pedersen expire on December 31st. Both expressed a willingness to continue to serve on the board. A nominating committee consisting of Jeff Quastad, Keith Wirth and Trish Erickson recommended that Barry Anderson and Rick Pedersen be recommended to the membership for three year terms starting January 1, 2021.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be the annual meeting, December 4, 2020 in Fort Dodge.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

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Executive Director