

**Minutes**  
**IDDA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**  
**Calhoun County Courthouse**  
**Rockwell City, IA**

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

**Minutes** - The minutes of the 1/27/21 meeting were approved as written on motion by Tjarks and second by Pedersen

**County Visits** - John reported that he has visited the following counties since the last board meeting - Calhoun, Emmet, Hamilton, O'Brien and Winnebago. He has a visit with Hardin County upcoming.

**Financial Reports** - John reviewed the March, 2021 financial report

Expenses of \$145,723.95 or 71.88% of budget  
Income of \$182,911.56 or 85.3% of budget

For the litigation account, expenses are \$26,327.50 and income is \$42,122.51

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

**Budget Amendment**

John proposed a budget amendment for the current fiscal year

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Amended Amount</u>
Expenditures	\$202,738	\$195,198
Income	<u>\$221,119</u>	<u>\$207,194</u>
Year-end balance	\$18,381	\$11,966

On motion by Quastad and second by Tjarks, the budget amendment was approved.

**WFS Update** - John provided a financial report for the WFS through the end of March. He said that activity in the program is showing signs of increasing.

**RCPP/IAWA grant** - John provided the board with a memo outlining progress to date on the grant. Subcontracts - of which IDDA will be one - have still not been signed. John indicated that IAWA found another source of revenue to use temporarily for IDDA to access the \$15,000 annual budgeted revenue amount. John provided the board with a contract between IDDA and the Iowa Ag Water Alliance

detailing how this would occur. The contract has been fully executed and John expects to issue and invoice soon.

**Legislative Report –**

John first of all provided the board with a listing of the bills IDDA has registered on and our stated position on each.

**SF 353** – The board was provided with an enrolled copy of the bill. It has been signed by the Governor and will become law on July 1. It was IDDA’s number one legislative priority relating to drainage publication costs and engineering thresholds. John also provided the board with a letter he had sent to the Governor’s office urging her support of the bill.

**HF 643** – The board was provided with a fiscal note on the bill prepared by the legislative services agency. After review of the fiscal note and discussion, on motion by Tjarks and second by Pedersen, it was decided that IDDA would change our position on the bill to undecided instead of favorable.

**SF 500** – John provided the board with a full copy of this proposed legislation. He indicated that we were currently registered as opposed to the bill. After discussion, the board decided that we would not change our position and would remain opposed.

**Request from Pottawattamie County concerning how interest on drainage warrants is treated for tax purposes** – John provided the board with a written opinion we had received on this issue from James Watson, who is an attorney and CPA in Council Bluffs. After review, John indicated that he would contact the drainage clerks and let them know about the opinion and make it available to them if they wished to receive it.

**Annual Meeting – 2021** – John indicated that the hotel we normally use for the meeting is under new ownership and that he was concerned about the responsiveness of the new management team. Keith Dencklau indicated he would contact them and ask them to follow up with John.

**Next Meeting Date** – The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Kossuth County.

Respectfully submitted,

*John T. Torbert*

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Executive Director