

Minutes

IDDA Board of Director

September 29, 2010

Pocahontas County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Harlan Hansen. Other board members present were Myron Amdahl, Ron Smith, Don McGregor and Paul Beneke. Also present was executive director John Torbert and Tim McCarten with the accounting firm of TP Anderson and Company.

Tim McCarten briefed the board on the results of his review of IDDA's financial statements and presented the board with a copy of his report. He also reviewed the monthly financial reports for July and August. Mr. McCarten indicated that the process that is being used on accounts payable is that John signs off on bills and codes them according to the chart of accounts. The bills are then presented to Tim McCarten for verification and payment. Once the check is prepared, Harlan Hansen then signs the check. On motion by McGregor and second by Smith, the board voted to keep that process in place. John indicated that he felt that the process to TP Anderson had gone smoothly. John and Harlan will also be mailed copy of monthly bank statements.

The minutes of the August 18th board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Smith and second by Beneke.

John gave the board an update on the CFS program.

John indicated that Jim Kramer, an attorney from Fort Dodge, is willing to prepare a friend of the court brief to support New Farmers Drainage Ditch in their appeal of the DNR action which has now gone to district court. Mr. Kramer is the attorney who successfully represented Calhoun County in the railroad case and also has familiarity with the New Farmers Case. On motion by Smith and second by McGregor, the board approved hiring Mr. Kramer to prepare the brief.

John indicated that there will be court challenge to the ant-degradation rules from Farm Bureau and others claiming that the process was implemented illegally. IDDA has been asked to participate if "standing" can be shown. The board indicated they would be willing to participate in the challenge.

John indicated that the duties of the secretary/treasurer's position have been significantly reduced due to the contractual arrangement with TP Anderson and Company but that he will still need assistance at certain times of the year. On motion by McGregor and second by Beneke, John was authorized to initiate the hiring/contracting process to obtain that assistance.

The CRP buffer nesting restriction issue was discussed. On motion by McGregor and second by Beneke, it was decided that Jim Hudson would be authorized to prepare a recommendation for the IDDA board of directors that then would be presented to the IDDA membership.

Phil Condon and Ron Smith's terms on the IDDA board expire in December. Harlan Hansen appointed a nominating committee consisting of Myron Amdahl, Don McGregor and Margene Bunda (Pocahontas County Auditor). It was the decision of the committee that a recommendation by made to the IDDA membership that Ron Smith and Phil Condon continue their service on the IDDA board.

It was decided that the next board meeting would be on November 10. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Torbert

Executive Director