

Board Biographies

Keith Dencklau – Keith joined the IDDA board in 2013. He was elected President of the association in June of 2015. He has served on the Webster County board of supervisors for eight years. At the county level, he is involved in the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greater Fort Dodge Alliance Board, Iowa Crossroads of Global Innovation Advisory Board, MIDAS city/county board, Crime Stoppers and Foster Grandparents. Keith is an auctioneer and does 10-20 auctions a year. Locally, he is involved with Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, White Tails Unlimited, the Rocky Mountain Elk Association, Friendship Haven and the Webster County I club. Keith says that no one should complain about ag drainage with their mouth full.

Scott Jacobs – Scott has been a Calhoun County supervisor for nine years and started his service on the IDDA board in 2015. He is active in many local organizations including the MIDAS Executive Commission, E911 board, Regional Judicial District II, Region V Hazardous Response Committee and Rolling Hills Mental Health. He is also active in his church and coaches little league baseball and youth football and basketball. Scott says that “drainage is extremely important for farmers to grow the crops necessary to feed the world and IDDA is an essential part of protecting that ability.”

Don McGregor – Don was elected to the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors in 1994 and joined the IDDA board in 2005. He is on many boards in the county including the HAZMAT Emergency Management Board, Transportation Board, E911 Board and the Economic Development Board. He also volunteers for the Kossuth County Foundation Board. Don says that “IDDA is the spokesman across the state for agriculture and for drainage. Agriculture is the primary industry in Iowa and without drainage and the production increases it brings, the Iowa economy would suffer.”

Rick Pedersen – Rick has been on the Humboldt County board for 4 years and was appointed to the IDDA board in 2017 to complete the remainder of Jerry Haverly’s term. He is the Vice-President of IDDA. Locally, he is involved in the Law Enforcement Center, Humboldt and Webster county landfill and Humboldt housing.

Jeff Quastad– Jeff has been on the Emmet County board of supervisors for 2 years and joined the IDDA board in 2017. He is active in the Seasons Center in Spencer, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention and the Emmet County council of governments. He notes that drainage changed the face of Emmet County and to this day helps farmers to feed the world.

Stan Watne – Stan has served on the IDDA board since 2013. He has been a member of the Wright County Board of Supervisors for 22 years. He serves as Chairman of the Region 5 Hazardous Materials and Emergency Planning group, MIDAS Council of Governments, previously served on the ISAC board and is on the county safety committee and Bio-Hazard local committee. Stan has served as a lay pastor for 30 years and for several years now has delivered the invocation at the IDDA annual meeting. Stan says that with all the important issues facing ag producers, it is crucial we have a voice at the table when decisions about farm drainage are being made. IDDA serves that function very well.

Keith Wirtz – Keith has been on the Palo Alto County board of supervisors for 10 years. He joined the IDDA board in 2017 filling out the remaining term for Ed Noonan. He is active on the local mental health board, Early Childhood, R C + D board, the wellness and safety committee for the county and board member for the Grotto in West Bend. He says that it is a good thing that drainage districts have IDDA protecting them.