

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other board members present were Jerry Haverly, Ed Noonan, Bev Juhl, Don McGregor, Stan Watne and Scott Jacobs. Also present were Humboldt County drainage clerk Trish Egli and IDDA Executive Director John Torbert.

Minutes - The minutes of the 1/13/16 meeting were approved as written on motion by Watne and second by McGregor.

County Visits – John reported that he had visited Calhoun, Emmet, Hancock, Humboldt and O’Brien counties since the last meeting.

Financial Reports –

Expenses thus far \$115,546.65 or 65.71% of budget
Income thus far was \$163,255.78 or 94.25% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, expenses thus far were \$125,687.45. Income thus far was \$123,634.33 (plus a carry-over balance of \$98,155.93 from the previous year).

Legislative Report – John brought the board up to date on status of legislative effecting drainage districts. IDDA is watching the water quality issue very closely as well as the appropriations process for the CREP and ag drainage well program.

DMWW lawsuit – John brought the board up to date on the status of the DMWW lawsuit and noted that IDDA had filed a friend of the court brief in the Iowa Supreme Court on behalf of the counties. IDDA had been requested to file that brief by the law firm representing the counties. He also noted that he had complied with a production of documents subpoena issued by the attorneys for the DMWW.

CFS Update – John updated the board on the status of the CFS program. He stated that we had a problem earlier in the year with delayed reimbursement checks coming from the state but that the problem appears to have been rectified.

ILC Wetland Banking Grant Request – John reported that IDDA had endorsed a grant proposal filed by the Iowa League of Cities. The grant is titled “Integrated Umbrella Wetlands for Swampbuster mitigation in Iowa.” John provided the board with an executive summary of the grant request and proposed budget.

Public Advocacy Proposal – John provided the board with a public advocacy proposal from Speak PR in Des Moines. After much discussion, the board took no specific action

on the proposal but directed John to continue to work with Speak PR to further refine the proposal and bring it back at a future board meeting.

Executive Director outreach – John reported that he will be attending the spring meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force which will be held in late April in St. Louis. John also indicated that he was an invited speaker to address the Plastic Pipe Institute Annual Meeting in South Carolina. (his expenses for the South Carolina meeting will be covered)

Amicus Brief – John reviewed the legal bill from Carney and Appleby for the production of the Amicus Brief. On motion by McGregor and second by Haverly it was decided to pay the bill out of the DMWW portion of the mutual protection fund.

Next meeting date – The next meeting of the board will be Wednesday, June 15.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director