

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2014
Pocahontas County Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Other board members in attendance were Stan Watne, Paul Beneke, Don McGregor, and Ken Chalstrom. Also present was John Torbert, IDDA executive director.

The minutes of the 3/29/14 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by McGregor and second by Beneke.

County visits – John reported that he had visited Boone, Buena Vista, Clinton, Dickinson, Emmet, Greene, O'Brien, Palo Alto and Sac Counties since the last board meeting.

Financial reports – John reviewed the financial reports through the end of May. With respect to the IDDA general fund, expense has been \$149,082.84 or 91.48% of the budgeted total. Revenue has been \$167,412.54 or 98.48% of the budgeted total. On the Mutual protection fund, expenses have been \$39,805.54 or 100.9% of the budgeted total. Revenue has been \$31,652.99 or 127.62% of the budgeted total. After discussion, the financial reports were accepted on motion by Watne and second by Chalstrom.

Financial Services Proposal – TP Anderson and Company have submitted their financial services proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. They will handle, taxes, accounts receivable and payable, payroll and membership billings. The contract amount for the next year will be \$6,240. The amount for the current fiscal year is \$5,970. On motion by McGregor and second by Beneke, the proposal was accepted as presented and John was directed to sign the contract for the upcoming year.

Budgets– John presented his proposed IDDA budget for the next fiscal year. Under his recommendation the IDDA expenditure budget would be \$164,725. This is a 1.08% increase over the current year. Income would be \$222,154 – an increase of 8.37% over the current year. On motion by McGregor and second by Watne, the IDDA budget was approved as presented. John then presented the mutual protection fund budget. Expenses were recommended at \$85,856. This is a 12.8% decrease over the current year budget. Expenses were recommended at \$34,050 – a 13.6% decrease. On motion by Watne and second by Beneke, the Mutual Protection fund budget was approved as presented.

The board then went into executive session to discuss salary and fringe benefits for the executive director of the next fiscal year. After the executive session concluded, Watne made the motion (seconded by McGregor) that; a) the executive director's salary be increased by 3% effective July 1; 2) the IDDA retirement contribution for

the executive director be set at 9% effective July 1st and c) vacation allotment will be increased to 15 days/year retroactive to John's anniversary date in May of 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

CFS report – John brought the board up to date on the status of the CFS program.

EPA and Waters of the United States – John briefed the board on the status of this proposed rule. John was directed to comment on the rule our position being that the rule should not be allowed to go forward and should be pulled back by the agency. The board then discussed whether the gravity of the rule necessitated special IDDA membership meeting. The board concluded that John should pull together and meeting in August to bring the rule to the attention of membership.

Webster County – John recommended to the board that they adopt a resolution regarding the special circumstances of the IDDA dues increase. The resolution was adopted as presented on motion by Watne and second by Beneke

Resolution request – John reviewed a request from Webster County that the IDDA legal counsel draft a resolution requiring that utilities go to at least a 6' depth when putting in new power lines so as not to interfere with drain tile. The IDDA attorney has reviewed this suggestion with the Iowa Utility Board who indicated that such a resolution would be contrary to IUB rules. On motion by McGregor and second by Chalstrom, John was given the go ahead to have IDDA legal counsel craft the resolution.

Legislative report – John presented the board with his end of session legislative report. All in all, IDDA had a very successful year. The one negative was the Governor's veto of the bill that contained funding for the Ag Drainage Well Closure fund.

Drainage Law Books – Thus far, 197 books have either been sold or delivered. John will be meeting with the publisher to discuss how to do updates to the book.

Railroad issue – John reported that we are waiting to hear back from the UP and that another meeting is anticipated.

Next meeting date – The board agreed to meet on Wednesday, September 3.

Respectfully submitted;

John T. Torbert, CAE
Executive Director