

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Pocahontas County Courthouse

President Keith Dencklau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other board members present were Don McGregor, Jeff Quastad and Scott Jacobs. Also present was IDDA Executive Director John Torbert.

Appointment of new board members – There are two vacancies on the board due to general election losses. Under the IDDA bylaws, vacancies are filled by the board of directors. On motion by Quastad and second by McGregor, Keith Wirth from Palo Alto County was selected to fill out Ed Noonan’s term and Rick Pedersen of Humboldt County was selected to complete Jerry Haverly’s term.

Election of Officers for 2017 – On motion by McGregor and second by Jacobs, Keith Dencklau was reelected as President and Rick Pedersen was elected as Vice President.

Minutes - The minutes of the 11/16/16 meeting were approved as written on motion by McGregor and second by Jacobs.

County Visits – John reported that he had visited Emmet, Hancock, Kossuth and Wright Counties since the last board meeting.

Membership Report – John presented the board with a membership report for 2016-17. We are still awaiting membership dues from Franklin County

Financial Reports – John provided a copy of the December financial report

October, 2016 financial report

Expenses of \$98,733.72 or 51.6% of budget

Income was \$151,761.88 or 85.26% of budget

For the **litigation fund**, Thus far this year, the litigation fund has had expenses of \$107,061.25 and income of \$92,267.66 (plus a carry-over balance of \$100,582.43)

The financial reports were approved on motion by Quastad and second by Jacobs

DMWW lawsuit and fundraising– John brought the board up to date on the status of the DMWW lawsuit. A decision from the Iowa Supreme Court on the state law allegations is expected soon.

CFS Update – John updated the board on the status of the CFS program and provided the board with the latest spreadsheets on the program. He indicated that a contract amendment to extend the grant for one additional year (starting 1/1/17) had been approved by all parties and provided the board with a copy of the grant amendment.

Annual Meeting – John provided the board with a summary analysis of the meeting evaluation forms. After discussion of the board, it was the consensus that we should stay at the same location and go back to our original date of the first Monday in December which would be 12/1 in 2017. John will contact the hotel and get them under contract.

Minimal Effect issue – John provided the board with an update on the issue. The state has backed down on its plans to change the program after receiving pressure from IDDA, Farm Bureau and some commodity groups.

Legislative Report – John provided the board with a brief legislative report.

Check signatory – On motion by McGregor and second by Jacobs, Rick Pedersen will be authorized to sign IDDA checks along with Keith Dencklau. Rick will replace Jerry Haverly in that role.

Next meeting date – The next meeting of the board will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert

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Executive Director