

Minutes  
IDDA Board of Directors  
June 26, 2013  
Pocahontas County Courthouse  
Board of Supervisors Room

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Members present were Paul Beneke, Ron Smith, Don McGregor, Stan Watne and Keith Dencklau. Also present was executive director John Torbert.

The minutes of 4/24/2013 were approved as presented on motion by Beneke and second by McGregor.

John informed the board that he had been selected as "Executive Director of the Year" by the Iowa Society of Association Executives. He displayed to the board the plaque he had received.

County visits – John indicated that since the April board meeting, he had visited Clay, Clinton, Louisa, Sac and Winnebago Counties.

Financial reports – The financial statements through May 31<sup>st</sup> were reviewed. On the IDDA general budget, we have expended 90.38% of budgeted expense and received 99.65% of budgeted revenue. On the mutual protection fund budget, we have received \$15,008 in revenues that was added to the cash balance of \$94,929.65. Thru May, we have expended \$35,000 supporting drainage related issues. The financials were accepted on motion by Beneke and second by Watne.

CFS – John brought the board up to date on the CFS program. He did state that one CREP field specialist (Jay Lynch) has taken a full time job and resigned from his IDDA position. John is discussing with the state whether we should try to hire a replacement or whether Mr. Lynch's territory could be divided among the rest of the CREP field specialists. The thinking at this time is that we would not hire a replacement. The CFS report was approved on motion by Watne and second by Dencklau.

John reviewed the TP Anderson proposal for the next fiscal year. Anderson handles all of the financial activity for the association. The proposal for next year was a contractual amount of \$5,970. The proposal was accepted as presented on motion by Watne and second by McGregor.

Legal update – John reported that he had just found out the previous day that the district court judge in the Monona County/New Farmers Drainage District Case had issued a favorable opinion. The judge reversed the decision of the administrative law judge and dismissed the case. John reported that the outcome as well as the wording of the decision was extremely positive.

Budgets for 2013-2014 - On the IDDA general fund budget, expenses were proposed at \$159,625. Income was proposed at \$194,750. On the Mutual Protection Fund Budget, proposed income was \$85,738 and proposed expenditures were \$42,200. After discussion, the board approved the proposals as presented on motion by Watne and second by McGregor

Staff compensation – after a brief closed session, the board voted to grant the executive director a compensation increase equivalent to approximately 3.5%. The contribution to the retirement program would increase from 8 – 8.5%. The motion was made by Watne and seconded by McGregor to implement the decision and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion passed.

John reviewed the latest proposal on the drainage/road law book. The printing of the book is part of the 2013-2014 mutual protection fund budget.

Farm Bureau – John reported that he had a discussion with Farm Bureau staff concerning a proposal to change state law on how drainage assessments were done. Farm Bureau staff had indicated that based on the feedback received thus far, they did not anticipate any change in Farm Bureau policy.

Legislative Report – John brought the board up to date on how the legislature ended up on drainage priorities. Both CREP and Ag Drainage wells were funded at the expected level. The other change to note was the legislature’s funding of the nutrient reduction strategy.

Railroads – John reported that a meeting will take place in early July with representatives of the Union Pacific Railroad to discuss possible compromises to the railroad legal quagmire.

Flood mitigation board – John brought the board up to date on the activity of the board.

Next meeting date – the next IDDA board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Torbert, CAE  
Executive Director