

Minutes

IDDA Board of Directors

March 2, 2011

Pocahontas County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with President Harlan Hansen presiding. Board members present were Paul Beneke, Ron Smith, Ken Chalstrom, Don McGregor and Phil Condon. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert and Don Reffer representing Brush and Weed Control Specialists.

The minutes of the 11/10/2011 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Smith and second by Beneke.

Election of officers for 2011 – The floor was opened for nominations for President and Vice-President. McGregor moved and Chalstrom seconded the motion that the current officers be retained for 2011. On a unanimous ballot, Harlan Hansen was elected as President and Myron Amdahl as Vice-President.

John noted that the bylaws require that the board designate a secretary/treasurer for 2011. On motion by Smith and second by McGregor it was decided that TP Anderson Company in Humboldt would fulfill the treasurer's responsibilities and the John Torbert would fulfill the secretary responsibilities. Motion passed unanimously.

County Visits – John reported that he had visited Boone, Calhoun, Hancock, Webster and Wright counties since the last board meeting.

Financial reports from TP Anderson Company for the months of December and January were reviewed. They were accepted on motion by McGregor and second by Chalstrom.

Don Reffer brought the board up to date on the NPDES permit issue.

The board reviewed a publication proposal from Mark Daggy. John was directed to bring more information back to the board on the current advertising revenues that IDDA receives. That information will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

John gave the board an update on the CFS program and noted that everything was running smoothly.

John updated the board on the status of its former secretary treasurer. She has been formally charged with a felony. John stated that we had been told by our attorney that the costs of investigation will be covered by our insurance company. The claim to our insurance carrier has been finalized and we expect payment by the end of the fiscal year.

John provided the board with a legislative update. He reviewed SCR 4, SF 147, HF 211 and SF 227. IDDA had been asked by the Two Rivers Levee and Drainage Association to support HF 211. On motion by Chalstrom and second by Beneke, it was decided that we would support the legislation.

John provided the board with a legal update. The Supreme Court did agree to review the Calhoun County railroad case. Union Pacific has now filed a friend of court brief on behalf of the Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad. John contacted Harlan and it was decided that IDDA needed to file a friend of court brief on behalf of Calhoun County. An attorney has been retained to prepare that brief. We have also filed a friend of the court brief in the New Farmers case.

John provided the board with the results of the evaluation form for the 2010 IDDA annual conference. It was decided that we would stay at our current location and try to hold the 2011 conference on December 2nd.

John shared with the board a letter that had been written by Farm Bureau on the CRP buffer nesting season restriction issue. A letter had been received back stating that FSA will not allow disturbance of CRP buffers and filter strips during the nesting season of April 15 to August 1. John indicated that he would get back to USDA and attempt to find out on what authority the restrictions are imposed.

John brought the board up to date on the difficulties that the Iowa Pilot Project sites are having with USDA over mitigation issues. Meetings are upcoming where the issue will be further discussed.

John requested that he be allowed to attend the next Ag drainage task force meeting in Champaign/Urbana Illinois the first week in April. On motion by Smith and second by McGregor, the authorization was granted.

The next board meeting is set for April 27.

Respectfully submitted,

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