

510Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors
September 18, 2013
Pocahontas County Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Board members present were Paul Beneke, Ron Smith, Keith Dencklau and Stan Watne. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert.

The minutes of the 6/26/2013 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Smith and second by Dencklau.

Membership reports – John reported that as of yet, members from last year that have not yet joined this year are Greene, Woodbury and Louisa Counties. John has been in touch with each of them.

Financial reports – John reviewed two sets of financial reports. The first set reflected activity for the fiscal year that ended June 30. That report reflected expenses at 94.9% of budgeted amount and revenue at 101.9%. The second report reflects activity through August 31. Thus far, expenses are at 17.6% of budget and income is at 64.7% of budget. The two reports were accepted on motion by Smith and second by Watne.

CFS program – John brought the board up to date on the status of the program. He indicated that expenses had been higher than budgeted. He has met with the state grant managers about this and a budget amendment will be written to account for the difference.

Presentation – Dean Lemke of Ecosystem Services Exchange Inc. and Charlie Schaffer of Agri-Drain Inc. talked to the board about potential in the water quality trading area. Dean will also be writing an article for the IDDA newsletter and will be on the program in December.

New Farmers Drainage District – John read a note of thanks from Karen Havman of the New Farmers Drainage District. She indicated they had spent \$37,644.30 defending against the claim from the DNR.

Drainage Law Directory Update – John reported that the directory is on schedule and should be available by the annual meeting. IDDA is going to sell ads in the directory for \$1,000/page. The board will need to decide cost and distribution issues at their next meeting.

Annual Meeting Update – John gave the board a tentative agenda for the annual meeting on December 6.

Legislative report – John indicated that he is working on several issues to present to the membership in December. He anticipates that 2014 will be a busy year for us in the legislature.

Status of railroad negotiations – John reported that he and IDDA attorney Doug Struyk had met with representatives of the Union Pacific railroad and that the discussions were ongoing. He anticipated another meeting within the next month.

Nominating Committee – Keith Dencklau and Ron Smith have terms that expire in December. Harlan appointed Stan Watne, Paul Beneke and Margene Bunda to serve on the nominating committee. Stan will give the report of the committee at the annual meeting.

The next meeting of the board will be on November 20th at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

John T. Torbert
Executive Director