

Minutes
IDDA Board of Directors
November 19, 2014
Pocahontas County Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa

President Harlan Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other board members present were Paul Beneke, Stan Watne, Keith Dencklau, Ron Smith and Ken Chalstrom. Also present was Executive Director John Torbert.

Minutes – The minutes of the 9/3/14 board meeting were approved as presented on motion by Smith and second by Beneke.

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

Financial reports – Financial reports through the month of October were presented

IDDA general fund –	Income-	\$153,374.47 (81% of budget)
	Expense-	\$ 59,467.18 (35% of budget)
Litigation fund -	Income-	\$ 18,528.38 (91% of budget)
	Expense	\$ 24,892.50 (73% of budget)

John reported that he did not see any problem areas in the budget thus far this year. The financials were accepted on motion by Chalstrom and second by Dencklau.

Membership reports – John reviewed the membership reports for the drainage district, corporate and individual membership categories. The website will be updated to reflect the new reports. Osceola County has joined the association for the first time. The membership reports were accepted on motion by Watne and second by Beneke.

CFS Reports – John updated the board on the status of the CFS program. The state has filled the CREP coordinator’s position. The new coordinator is Judy Krebsbach. There will be a CFS training meeting the day before the IDDA annual meeting.

WOTUS update – John provided the board with a copy of the comments he had submitted to EPA on the Waters of the United States proposal. The comment period has now closed. John indicated that the political changes in Washington DC with the republicans taking control of the US Senate will create problems for some of EPA’s initiatives.

Energy Transfer Partners Pipeline – John reported that the Calhoun County drainage attorney who wanted IDDA to draft a resolution protecting drainage rights

in those counties that would be crossed by the pipeline if the construction goes forward had contacted him. On motion by Dencklau and second by Chalstrom, John was authorized to task the IDDA legal counsel to draft a resolution.

Annual Meeting Update – John reviewed the plans for the upcoming IDDA annual meeting.

Board Vacancies – Three board members lost their bids for reelection – Ken Chalstrom, Ron Smith and Paul Beneke. Under the IDDA bylaws, neither of these individuals terms are up this year, their seats will be considered as vacancies and thus would be filled by appointment of the IDDA board. Potential replacements were discussed and board members will be contacting them. The three were thanked for their service to the IDDA board.

Legislative Report – John gave the board a copy of the legislation that IDDA will be proposing in the 2015 session to clean up some problems areas with HF 2344 which passed in the 2014 session. He also indicated that we will focus strongly on appropriations to try and get more money for the CREP program and to get the ag drainage well program restarted.

Drainage Assessments to Federal Government – Stan Watne indicated that on the advice of their attorney that they had decided not to pursue a test case.

Drainage law book update – John indicated that he has been working with the publisher to get the book updated. We are waiting for the state to post the new Code updates.

Railroad Update – The UP has generated a document that would be used by general contractors in doing drainage work in railroad right of way. That document is currently under review. We are also trying to resolve the insurance issues.

Nominating Committee Report – Harlan Hansen and Stan Watne have terms that are expiring. The nominating committee of Dencklau, Beneke and Bunda will recommend that they be re-elected to the board. Keith Dencklau will give the nominating committee report.

Next Board Meeting – January 28, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John T. Torbert, CAE