

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

1:30 p.m. December 12, 2007

### Attendance:

**Board:** Doug Cling, Scott Eichelberger, Paula Ellis, Mark Fitzpatrick, Ron Fransen, David Mckechnie, Greg O'Toole, Jeff Samuelson, Peter Shaff, Rob Stout, Bob Walker

**Ex-officio:** Greg Brenneman, Jim Fawcett, Jim Jensen, Gene Mohling, Myron Reese, Virgil Schmitt, Kathy Vance, Kevin Van Dee

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Shaff at 1:30 p.m.

**Introductions:** Shaff had everyone present introduce him/herself and what county he/she is from.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Schmitt provided the minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting.

**Motion:** Fransen/Stout to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brenneman provided the treasurer's report.

**Motion:** Cling/Eichelberger to approve the report. Motion passed.

### Reports:

**Farm Update:** Van Dee reviewed the season at the farm and work at the ammunition plant at Middleton.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

**Land Use:** The future of the newest land acquisition was discussed.

**Motion:** Fransen/Stout to actively farm the new farm in 2008. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Cling/Fransen to pay the contract off early if the heirs are interested. The motion passed.

**Vacancies:** Current vacancies and pending Board vacancies were discussed.

Current vacancies:

Davis – Fransen will contact Swackhamer. The term will be one year with the opportunity to run for election twice more.

Keokuk – Scott Swanson has agreed to serve and will be on the 2008 ballot for a full three-year term.

Poweshiek – Fawcett will contact Pat Supple and Deb Van Arkel. The candidate(s) will be on the 2008 ballot for a full three-year term.

Scott – Brenneman, Schmitt, and Shaff will try to come up with names. This will be a two-year term with the opportunity to run for election twice more.

Pending vacancies:

Clinton – Shaff is ineligible to run again. He has found one potential successor and is looking for more.

Des Moines – Cling is ineligible to run again. He has a candidate in mind.

Mahaska – Lee Veldhuisen is ineligible to run again.

Iowa – Walker is eligible to run again and plans to do so.

Van Buren – Fransen is eligible to run again and plans to do so.

**Annual Meet:** The annual meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the ISU Extension office in Washington County with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. Topics are:

- Kevin Van Dee
- P&K economics with tillage (double session) – Mallarino
- N economics & why we had deficiencies in 2007 – Sawyer
- Fungicides – Corn, Soybean, SBR – Robertson
- First Alternate – Drainage
- Second Alternate – Seed treatments & corn nematodes – Munkvold
- Others:
  - Leopold Center / Sustainable Ag
  - Harvesting corn cobs - ABS

**Research:** Strip Till was suggested for new research.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the ISU Extension office in Washington County immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting. Agenda items for the Board meeting will include election of officers, planning for the spring field day, and an update on the status of the contract for the most recent land acquisition.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Walker/Fransen to adjourn. The motion passed at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary