

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. December 12, 2012

Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm

Attendance:

Board: Paula Ellis, Darrel Jordan, Bill Kerkman, Jeff Samuelson, Jared Schultz, David Scott, Phillip E. Winborn, Kenneth Wuthrich

Ex-officio: Greg Brenneman, Ryan Drollette, Chad Heseltine, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Darbee Wellman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Samuelson at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions: Ryan Drollette, is a new Farm Management Specialist housed in Johnson County Extension. Everyone introduced her/himself.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Minutes: Schmitt provided the minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting.

Motion: (Schultz/Jordan) to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

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

Motion: (Scott/Winborn) to approve the report. Motion passed.

Reports:

Farm update: Rees reported hard rain in May and some hail. Subsequent rains came just in the nick of time. Yields in general were better than anticipated, given the heat and drought. There were some corn stand problems due to pythium. The 25th anniversary and youth field days went well.

25th Anniversary: It was the consensus of everyone present that the day went well. ISU administrators also indicated that they thought it went well.

Youth Field Day: Those who were present thought it went well. Some teachers echoed that.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Land Payment: The last land payment will be made on February 28, 2013. We need to do the legal items to close the contract and record the deed. Schultz and Brenneman will work on that.

Annual Mtg: The Annual Meeting will be in the Johnson County Extension office. Brenneman will work with a caterer and Samuelson

will check with Hills Bank and trust Company for sponsorship.

Speaker topics are:

- Cover Crops – Mark Carlton (Schmitt will contact) + Steve Berger (Rees volunteered Lance Miller to contact)
- Row spacing & populations – Roger Elmore (Schmitt will contact) + Jim Fawcett (Brenneman will contact)
- Tiling / water management (Management if it stays dry) – Matt Helmers (Brenneman will contact)
- New recommendation on K – Antonio Mallarino (Schmitt will contact)

Alternates

- Miscanthus – Emily Heaton & U of I person (Schmitt will contact)
- Resistance – weeds, insects, diseases

Board members: Cedar, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Scott, and Wapello are up for election. Only Andrea Engler (Scott) is eligible to run for another term. Samuelson will find a new candidate for Cedar, will check with Engler about running again, and will work with John Fitzpatrick (Henry) and Greg O'Toole (Louisa) to find candidates in their counties. Schultz will find a candidate for Jefferson and Wapello. Jeff Ellis will run for the Lee position.

Research ideas: There was general discussion about potential new research at the farm. Ideas include:

1. nutrient reduction strategy
2. new herbicides
3. cover crop burn down timing

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be March 7, 2013 immediately following the annual meeting.

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

Motion: (Winborn/Scott) to adjourn. Motion passed at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary