

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 a.m. July 28, 2016, Teleconference

Attendance:

Board: Jeff Ellis, Jim Howell, Alan Mather, Ralph Sandeen, Bill Swanson, Steve Tubbs

Ex-officio: Meaghan Anderson, Greg Brenneman, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Rebecca Vittetoe

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ellis at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Additions: There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Minutes: Schmitt provided the minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting. There were no additions or corrections.

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

Motion: (Howell/Mather) to approve the report. Motion passed.

Reports:

Farm update: Lance Miller left at the end of June and his and Fruitland's position will be re-filled. There was a strong wind on July 13 that leaned the crops over which caused two fungicide trials to be abandoned and harvest will be a challenge. Anderson and Vittetoe are having a series of meetings at the farm and Weeds Week took place. There has recently been quite a bit of rain but not all tiles are running yet.

Field Day: Just under 50 people attended the spring field day, which followed a training for CCAs in the morning. The morning topic was water quality with Antonio Mallarino and Stefan Gailans. The afternoon topics were soil fertility with Mallarino, cover crops with Gailans, bio-renewable energy with Emily Heaton, and crop diseases with Vittetoe and Schmitt.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Field Day: Suggested topics are:

Nutrient reduction strategy – Matt Helmers – Anderson will contact

UAV demo – Matt Darr – Brenneman will contact

Farm Pond Management – Allen Pattillo – Vittetoe will contact

Switchgrass – w/ Myron's talk – Brenneman

Alt - Soil health – Annual meeting?

Alt – Wind & hail – crop insurance & pollination effects – annual meeting?

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the farm.

Announcements:

Adjournment:

Motion: (Sandeen/Tubbs) to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary