

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. December 6, 2016

Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm

### Attendance:

**Board:** Jeff Ellis, Ron Fransen, Bill Furlong, Jim Howell, Alan Mather Bill Swanson, Steve Tubbs, Kenneth Wuthrich

**Ex-officio:** Greg Brenneman, Ryan Drollette, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Cody Schneider

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

**Agenda Additions:** Cody Schneider was introduced to the Board. Those present introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Schmitt provided the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting. There were no additions or corrections.

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

**Motion:** (Furlong/Ellis) to approve the report. Motion passed.

### Reports:

**Farm update:** Rees reported that poplar trees were removed and other windbreak plantings were made. There was a S.T.R.I.P.S. project installed and monarch habitat was planted. There was also a home garden and the produce was donated. There were more meetings than usual, mostly because of a program done by Meaghan Anderson and Rebecca Vittetoe. Planting started on May 14 and ended the third week of May. There was some wind damage to crops, but yields were still good. Soybeans yielded 58 bushels and corn 180 bushels. A tractor engine was replaced and there was a combine fire. Myron will be covering for Vince Lawson (Muscatine Island Research and Demonstration Farm) after his retirement for while.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

### New Business:

- a. Planning for the Annual Meeting (March 2, 2017)
  - i. Iowa City (Fransen/Tubbs)
  - ii. Topics and Speakers –
    1. Management of Palmer Amaranth – Meaghan (Greg)
    2. Cover crops, soil health, & extended rotations Alternate? – Doug Karlen (Virgil)
    3. Marketing & economics – Ed Ussett, MN? (Ryan)
    4. Pollinator areas – is there a lack? - Alternate
    5. Crop Insurance analysis - Alternate
    6. Big data – ownership & privacy – who benefits and how? Greg Thiesen (NASS) (Ryan)
  - iii. Lunch – Janet Stutsman – (Greg) Farm Credit or Hills sponsor?

iv. Board Member Election

<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Status for Running Again</b>
Clinton	Steve Tubbs	Ineligible for another term – Greg will send Clinton and Scott to Tubbs
Des Moines	Brian Bohlen	Eligible for another term - VS
Iowa	Jim Stevenson	Ineligible for another term
Keokuk	Travis Handy	Eligible for another term - VS
Mahaska	Vacant ('17 election)	Bill & Don Swanson will work on
Poweshiek	Vacant ('17 election)	VLS will contact
Scott	Vacant ('16 election)	(Buesings?) Rebecca?
Van Buren	Ron Fransen	Eligible for another term - yes

b. Research ideas for 2017

- i. rotations, 2 Corn FB 2 soybeans?
- ii. High yielding soybeans

**Next Meeting:** After the annual meeting

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** (Furlong/Ellis) to adjourn. Motion passed at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary