

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. December 7, 2017

Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm

### Attendance:

**Board:** Jeff Ellis, Ron Fransen, Bill Furlong, Sam Groenenboom, Ryan Heemsbergen (candidate for the Davis Director position), Jim Howell, Duane Jordan, Bill Kerkman, Alan Mather, Bill Swanson, Jeff Tindle, John Shaff, Kenneth Wuthrich

**Ex-officio:** Greg Brenneman, Josh Michel, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Cody Schneider, Chad Hesseltine

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

**Introductions:** Those present introduced themselves.

**Agenda Additions:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Schmitt provided the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting.

**Motion:** (Wuthrich/ Furlong) to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

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

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

### Reports:

**Farm update:** Yields were very good (65 on soybeans, 235 on corn), especially considering the lack of rainfall. There was a Russian delegation that visited. There were two field days. Some new ISU ag students visited. There were probably about 700 visitors in total. A new door was installed on south side of barn and the soffit was repaired. The farm bought a new lawn mower. The farm raised barley (organic) into crimped cereal rye and then planted soybeans into the barley stubble. The farm raised 100 bushel / Ac. sweet corn for GPC.

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

### New Business:

#### Vacancies:

County	Name	Status	
Benton	Bill Kerkman	Ineligible for another term	Will find someone
Davis	Kenneth Wuthrich	Ineligible for another term	Found someone
Iowa	Vacant (2017 election)	Term until 2020	
Johnson	Jake Thomsen	Eligible for another term	Vs will contact
Jones	Mary Hartman-Pickett	Eligible for another term	Vs will contact
Linn	Duane Jordan	Eligible for another term	yes
Muscatine	Bill Furlong	Eligible for another term	yes
Washington	Shauna Sieren	Ineligible for another term	VS will contact

**Ann. Meet:** The annual meeting will be held at the Johnson County Extension and Outreach office in Iowa City on March 1, with Country Cooking serving lunch, funded by Furlong Farms and Hills Bank.

**Suggested Topics:**

- Weather station usage – Elwynn Taylor
- Markets – Chad Hart
- Rotations – Matt Liebman
- Dicamba – legalities Bob Hartzler & Kristin Tigren
- New SDS treatment – top alternate
- Soil health measuring – second alternate
- Tillage - alternate
- N application - alternate

**Other ideas:**

1. Should there be a Facebook Page for the farm? – Meaghan & Rebecca & Cody will work on this
2. Should the annual meeting be re-named? – More profits through research – annual profit improvement conference - Ag Research & innovations conference

**Research:** Can we get rotations research with Matt Liebman?

**Next Meeting:** March 1, 2018 following the annual meeting.

**Announcements:****Adjournment:**

**Motion:** (Mather/Shaff) to adjourn. Motion passed at 11:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary