

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Board of Directors Meeting

2:58 p.m. March 1, 2018

Johnson County Extension Office

Attendance:

Board: Jeff Ellis, Lynn Fisher Ron Fransen, Bill Furlong, Jim Howell, Duane Jordan, Al Mather, , Ralph Sandeen, John Shaff, Ron Singer,, , Jeff Tindle, Michael Vittetoe, Dan Voss

Ex-officio: Meaghan Anderson, Greg Brenneman, Ryan Drollette, Myron Rees, Cody Schneider, Rebecca Vittetoe

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ellis at 2:58 p.m.

Introductions: Everyone then introduced themselves. Ryan Heemsbergen and Michael Vittetoe are newly elected from Davis and Washington Counties, respectively.

Agenda Additions: There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Minutes: Anderson provided the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Furlong/Tindle to approve the minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Drollette explained cost listed for 2017 annual meeting meal. The report was approved at annual meeting in the morning

Reports: None

Old Business: The Board observed that annual meeting had good attendance and filled the space; the attendance was about 65.

New Business:

Vacancy:

Motion:Tindle/Howell to appoint Laura Blomme, Ron Singer, and Dan Voss to fill Bord vacancies in Iowa, Jefferson, and Benton Counties, respectively. Passed.

By-Laws: The organization's address and registered agent need to be changed. Virgil Schmitt will circulate proposed changes to the Board prior to the next meeting, with a vote anticipated at that meeting.

Checking: Should SEIARA checking account be moved into an ISU Extension Agency Account? It is maintained by Extension Council and allows for a center for all financial documentation acting as a treasurer, but Extension Council does not fund SEIARA, etc. The Extension Council does not do anything with funds without SEIARA approval. It allows for permanence in documentation and treasurer capabilities. Gene Mohling provided information regarding ISU Extension Agency Accounts.

Motion: Furlong / Voss to move the checking account to its own ISU Extension Agency Account. Passed

Field Day: June 28 & September 6

- Farm update – Rees
- *Measuring soil health – Marshall McDaniel, Mitchell Hora (Haney test)
- *Corn planting dates into cereal rye – Alison Robertson
- Create demo in Meaghan’s herbicide plots from last year
- Cover crop termination date; determine whether we can fit differences in corn planting date in there as well
- *Dicamba update – Bob Hartzler
- Alternate - UAVs: Using them on your farm // coming technology updates in agriculture – Ryan Bergman
- Alternate Alternate - Windbreak renovation and species – Jesse Randall
- Weed control?
- Are there benefits to tillage?

Ideas: Research on crop rotation (Liebman)
Hybrid rye // small grain research – variety, etc

Election:

Motion: Howell / Mather to retain the current slate of officers. Passed.

Thanks: To Steve Tubbs, Jim Stevenson, and Travis Handy, who are retiring from the Board.

Next Meeting: July at 8:00 a.m. via teleconference

Thanks: Thanks to retiring Board members Bill Kerkman (Benton), Ken Wuthrich (Davis), Mary Hartman-Picket (Jones), and Shauna Sieren (Washington)

Announcements:

- a. Patrick O’Malley’s SERF field day on March 21 – pruning fruit and nut trees
- b. March 29 – pollinator and prairie field day at SERF
- c. Ryan Drollette received seed for giant pumpkins to grow at MIRF and SERF
- d. Loran Steinlage and Michael Vittetoe will be talking about interseeding March 13 – 10:00 a.m. in Muscatine

Adjournment:

Motion:(Voss/Howell) to adjourn. Motion passed at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Anderson, SEIARA Secretary Pro-tem