

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 a.m. July 10, 2018

Teleconference

Attendance:

Board: Jeff Ellis, Sam Groenenboom, Jim Howell, Duane Jordan, Alan Mather, Ron Singer Jake Thompson, John Shaff, Michael Vittetoe

Ex-officio: Meaghan Anderson, Greg Brenneman, Charles Brown, Ryan Drollette, Josh Michel, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Cody Schneider, 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 1, 2018 meeting.

Motion: There were no additions or corrections.

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

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

Reports:

Farm update: There has not been any recent rain. There is less soil moisture than last year so we are more dependent on July and August rainfall. There is a new sprayer bought and the windbreak is being improved. U.S. Senator Joni Ernst visited in April. There was a tree trimming workshop and pollinator meeting and there is a nitrogen workshop tonight (July 10, 2018).

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

By-laws: Suggested updates were presented, added to, and discussed

Motion: Mather/Jordan to amend the by-laws.

Field Day: *Chad Hart – new tariffs and market expectations – storage, insurance, etc – Drollette will contact

*Cover crops yield drag – project purposes? – with Myron? – Schneider will contact

M Vittetoe – cover crops

Cover crop – weed control - rates

*New on weed management and 2018 experiences – Schmitt will contact

*Fertilizer priorities – Michel will contact

Alternatives:

1. Benefits to tillage? – Nutrient reduction – Mahdi
2. UAVs
3. Windbreaks

Annual meeting – basics – fungicides, insecticides, etc.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be December 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the farm.
Facebook: Cody, Rebecca, and Josh will work on a Facebook page.

Announcements:

Adjournment:

Motion: (Mather/Groenboom) to adjourn. Motion passed at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary