

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. December 6, 2018

SE Research & Demonstration Farm

Attendance:

Board: Jeff Ellis, Jim Howell, Duane Jordan, Alan Mather, Bill Swanson, Jeff Tindle, John Shaff

Ex-officio: Josh Michel, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Cody Schneider, Rebecca Vittetoe

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

Agenda Additions: There was the addition of a plaque for Greg Brenneman.

Secretary's Minutes: Schmitt provided the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting.

Motion: (Tindle/Mather) to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Drollette provided the treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

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

Reports:

Farm update: The farm had 35 studies and hosted two field days. Some young people spent a few days doing a job shadow. Several young farmer meetings occurred on the farm. Senator Joni Ernst visited the farm. There was a pruning field day and pollinator field day. Planting and harvesting activities were shared with the Muscatine Island Research and Demonstration Farm. Corn yielded 225 – 235 bushels per acre and soybeans yielded 55 bushels per acre. There was some corn lodging. The farm is getting an updated planter and getting updating for a tractor for GPS and autosteer and is receiving another tractor from ISU that will also have these same updates

Facebook: The Facebook page is up and running.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Annual meeting:

Where: Johnson, with a theme similar to "Wise investing in the 2019 crop"

Topics: *pH & Liming, P & K priorities, N inhibitors & stabilizers? – Antonio (alternate) Benefits of Tillage – Mahdi

*Farm finance – Charles Brown

*Technology (planter, tractor) – Matt or Ryan

(Mahaska & Poweshiek) Wind turbines & crop production – Gene Tackle

*Managing soil life (& tillage?) – Marshall McDaniel, Tom Lonycan

Lunch: Janet Stutsman or Cynful Cooking

Election: Mather and Swanson will run for a second term. Singer has made arrangements for Russ McGee to run from Jefferson County. Ellis and Howell are working on people from their counties to run. Schmitt will

check with Ralph Sandeen for a replacement and Samantha Urmie to see if she wants to run.

New research: The farm will do a planter comparison, using the old planter verses the new planter. Other suggestions were soil additives and niche crops.

Plaque for Greg:

Motion: (Howell/Swanson) to present a plaque to Brenneman at the annual meeting. Passed.

Plaque for fund an acre will be done.

Next Meeting: following the annual meeting on March 7, 2019

Announcements: Meaghan Anderson delivered a baby girl on Nov. 4, 2018. Mother, child, and father are doing well.

Consider having the spring field day in the evening, maybe with a meal.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Tindle/Mather) to adjourn. Motion passed at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary