

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. December 10, 2019

Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm

### Attendance:

**Board:** Marc Benson, Ron Fransen, Bill Furlong, Justin Humphreys, Duane Jordan, Alan Mather, Bill Swanson, Jeff Tindle, John Shaff, Dan Voss

**Ex-officio:** Ryan Drollette, Chad Heseltine, Josh Michel, Gene Mohling, Myron Rees, Virgil Schmitt, Cody Schneider, Rebecca Vittetoe

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jordan at 10:08 a.m.

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

**Secretary's Minutes:** Schmitt provided the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting.

**Additions/Corrections:** None.

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

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

### Reports:

**Farm update:** Chad Heseltine is on full time. Harvest corn was wet and averaged 22% moisture. By November 15, harvest was complete. Fall tillage is complete. Fertilizer still needs to be applied. Yields were 172 bushels per acre (corn) and 61 bushels per acre (soybeans). There were four field days – spring, fall, youth, and Kirkwood Community College. The governor and the new ISU CALS Dean visited the farm.

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

### New Business:

**Building:** Rees and Schneider reviewed a proposal for a new multipurpose building that may be built north of the current shop and how to fund it. Farm staff, Jordan, Furlong, Drollette and maybe Greg Brenneman will be on the committee and Brenneman will be asked to be the chair by Rees. The committee plans to meet in January.

**Motion:** (Furlong/Voss) to pursue the project. Passed.

**Annual Mtg:** The meeting will be March 5 in Iowa City. Topics – speakers and (contactor) will be:

- Farm update include building – extend time
- I-CASH - Manager (Furlong)
- Markets - Ray Jenkins, Chad Hart, or William Ussett (Drollette)
- Grain drying and storage – Kristina TeBockhorst (Michel),

Fall-back Topics are, in order:

1. Farm Stress
2. Crop Modeling
3. hemp (Robin Pruisner)

Lunch will be by ? – Furlong will donate, Vittetoe will approach Hills Bank.

**Board election:** Shaff and Tindle agreed to run for a second term. Vittetoe will check with Doug Boland, Lynn Fischer, and Sam Groenboom about their interest in second terms. Schmitt will seek a candidate for Des Moines County and Michel will seek a candidate for Van Buren County.

**Vacancies:** Jones and Scott remain vacant

**2020 Research:** Be thinking of research that could be done to benefit agriculture in southeast Iowa.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be immediately after the annual meeting.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** (Tindle/Benson) to adjourn. Motion passed at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary