

Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

Annual Meeting

Johnson County Fairgrounds, Extension Office
10:00 a.m. March 6, 2014

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President David Scott at 10:00 a.m.
- Secretary's Minutes:** The minutes of the March 7, 2013 annual meeting were distributed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Motion:** Scott Eichelberger / Jim Howell to approve the minutes. Passed
- Treasurer's Report:** Greg Brenneman provided the treasurer's report (attached in secretary's book).
- Motion:** Ron Fransen / Shauna Sieren to approve the report. Passed.
- President's Report:** Scott reported that the filed days went well and that the Board had granted a distance exemption to Layne Twinam for construction of a swine building.
- Farms:** Tim Goode gave an overview of activities at other farms.
- SE Farm:** Rees reviewed the 2013 growing season. It was wet early and dry late. Corn yields were down 10 bushels and soybeans down 5 bushels compared to 2013. The farm got a pickup and a new weather station. The weight system on the combine was upgraded. Rees talked about weed plots, switchgrass plots, organic popcorn plots, cover crops projects. New projects for 2014 are waterway repair, windbreak improvement, potato leafhoppers on alfalfa, and soybean row spacing.
- Farm Profits:** Ryan Drollette provided an outlook for crop profits in the next two years and strategies for dealing with the outlook. He also reviewed the provisions of the new Farm Bill.
- Insects:** Erin Hodgson reviewed management of insects resistant to some management strategies and preventing the build-up of resistance.
- Lunch:** Lunch was sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America in Cedar Rapids and Mount Pleasant. Andy Winborn talked about farm safety.
- Weeds:** Bob Hartzler reviewed management strategies for preventing the build-up of resistant weeds and dealing with existing resistance.
- Nutrient Losses:** Matt Helmers described strategies for better retention of nitrogen and phosphorus on the farm.
- Adjournment:**
- Motion:** (Jim Meade/Darrell Jordan) to adjourn. (Passed at 2:30 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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