

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Annual Meeting

Johnson County Fairgrounds, Extension Office

10:00 a.m. March 5, 2015

- 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 6, 2014 annual meeting were distributed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Motion:** Bill Furlong / Ron Fransen to approve the minutes. Passed
- Treasurer's Report:** Greg Brenneman provided the treasurer's report (attached in secretary's book).
- Motion:** Rob Stout / Ken Wuthrich to approve the report. Passed.
- President's Report:** Scott reported that last land payment has been made. Meaghan Anderson was introduced; she took the position formerly held by Jim Fawcett.
- SE Farm:** Rees reviewed the 2014 growing season. There was a large rain at the end of June and then it was cool and dry late. Corn yields were very good, with 200+ bushels being common and soybeans being close to or over 80 in some plots. There was little disease. Waterway repair took place and the wetland was dredged. The windbreak was improved. New projects for 2015 are windbreak, pinch-row study, miscanthus, coron-on-corn disease study, and lime study.
- Nitrogen:** Virgil Schmitt described changes in nitrogen rates for corn in southeast Iowa.
- Big Data:** Ryan Bergman and Zachery Vanderleest talked about the use and future of "Big Data."
- Lunch:** Lunch was sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America in Hiawatha and Mount Pleasant.
- Profits:** Alejandro Plastina reviewed farm profitability prospects in 2015.
- Bio-Energy:** Ingrid Anderson and Emily Heaton discussed the bio-energy project and research being conducted jointly between the University of Iowa and Iowa State University.
- Adjournment:**
- Motion:** (Fransen/Darrell Jordan) to adjourn. (Passed at 2:36 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary