

# Southeast Iowa Agricultural Research Association

## Annual Meeting

Johnson County Fairgrounds, Extension Office

10:00 a.m. March 2, 2017

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Ken Wuthrich at 10:00 a.m.
- Secretary's Minutes:** The minutes of the March 3, 2016 annual meeting were distributed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Treasurer's Report:** Greg Brenneman provided the treasurer's report (attached in secretary's book).  
**Motion:** Bill Furlong / Jim Howell to approve the report. Passed.
- President's Report:** Myron Rees is interim superintendent at the Muscatine Island Research and Demonstration Farm. Cody Schneider is Ag Specialist at the Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm and Josh Michel is Ag Specialist at the Muscatine Island Research and Demonstration Farm.
- SE Farm:** 2016 started with good moisture and planting was done on time. June was dry, and July and August were wet. Harvest weather was good. There was a large wind on June 22 that caused root lodging in corn. There was a combine fire on October 14 that stopped harvest for 10 days; damage was mostly hoses, belts, and wires. Corn ran 175 bu./ac. (210 in "normal" corn") and soybeans 57 bu./ac. (80 in "normal" soybean). New projects were an overlaid N rate project, FACTS crop model, S.T.R.I.P.S., Home Demo Garden, Organic Corn Trials, Poplar Tree Removal, and Windbreak Renovation. The second miscanthus planting was done, and there will be another on in 2017.
- The monarch pollinator project continues.
- Meetings for beginning farmers, Iowa Land Contractors, NRCS, Agronomy in the Field (Women in Agronomy), Weeds Week, and the Spring and Fall field days occurred.
- The potassium residue study and rye cover crop study came to an end and will be replaced by Antonio Mallarino and John Sawyer, respectively.
- New projects for 2017 are organic management of rye with a crimper, rye cover crop termination, nutrient reduction strategy, and seed treatments with rye cover.
- Palmer Amaranth:** Meaghan Anderson, Extension Field Agronomist, presented Palmer amaranth identification and management.
- Cover Crops:** Tom Kaspar, ASDA-ARS scientist, described what cover crops can do for your soil.
- Lunch:** Hills Bank and Furlong Family Farms sponsored lunch.
- Marketing:** Ray Jenkins, retired Cargill grain merchandiser, provided marketing strategies and tools.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** (Jim Meade/Mel Sanders) to adjourn. (Passed at 1:36 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil Schmitt, SEIARA Secretary