

Minutes of Meeting
North Dakota Irrigation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 13, 2013

Call to Order

A meeting of the North Dakota Irrigation Association board of directors was called to order by Chairman Robert Vivatson on Friday, December 13, 2013.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance were: Robert Vivatson, Carter VanderWal, Steve Knorr, Norm Haak, Loren Dewitz, Herb Grenz, Roger Gunlikson, Rod Holth, Scott Mund, and Mike Tweed. Also in attendance were NDIA staff members Mike Dwyer, Milt Lindvig, Jerry Schaack, Angela Magstadt, as well as Tom Scherer Chet Hill, and Jerry Bergman with NDSU Extension. Absent were Alan Butts, Doug Gullikson, and Tom Rolfstad.

Minutes of December 7, 2012 Board Meeting

The board reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2012 board meeting. After review, it was moved by Loren Dewitz and seconded by Carter VanderWal that the minutes be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the January 31, 2013 NDIA Conference Call Meeting

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 31, 2013 conference call meeting. After review, it was moved by Rod Holth and seconded by Roger Gunlikson that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Consideration of 2013 Financial Statement and 2014 Budget

The board reviewed the 2013 financial statement and 2014 budget, which is a part of the overall budget for the North Dakota Water Users Association. After discussion, it was moved by Norm Haak and seconded by Carter VanderWal that the budget report be approved, and that the proposed 2014 budget be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Bob Vivatson indicated he would like to step down as NDIA Chairman. Rod Holth nominated Vice Chairman Roger Gunlikson for the Chairman position. Loren Dewitz seconded the nomination. Rod Holth moved that the board cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Gunlikson. Herb Grenz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board recognized Bob Vivatson for his hard work and service as Chairman for the last 3 years.

Norm Haak nominated Carter VanderWal for the position of Vice Chairman. Herb Grenz seconded the nomination. Rod Holth moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carter VanderWal. Herb Grenz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Summary of 2013 Activities

The board reviewed the summary of activities for 2013.

Consideration of 2014 Work Plan Priority Items

The board reviewed the consideration of 2014 Work Plan Priority Items. There was discussion on how to increase membership. At the board's request, NDIA staff will send the directors a list of non-member irrigators as well as a form letter and the sheet outlining benefits to members for them to use to make

personal contacts and solicit memberships.

Scott Mund moved to accept the 2014 work plan. Roger Gunlikson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business

Rod Holth discussed the Green Vision Group/energy beet project, and mentioned that oil interests are trying to get rid of the renewable fuels standard. If this happens, it would severely impact this project.

There was discussion regarding tile drainage/subirrigation and whether this is part of the NDIA's mission/charter. This is something that needs to be discussed with Mike Dwyer.

The State Water Commission and Bank of North Dakota still participate in the AgPace Program which is an interest buy-down program for new irrigators. The initial \$1 million that was allocated for this program during the 2001-2003 biennium has now run out, and the NDIA wrote a request for an additional \$200,000 for the 2013-2015 biennium. The request was on the agenda for the December 13, 2013 meeting of the State Water Commission.

Loren Dewitz discussed a proposed tax increase on Kidder County land with management practices that increase the land's value. While this failed in Kidder County, it is something we need to be aware of, and keep our eyes on in other counties in the future.

Adjourn

Rod Holth moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carter VanderWal. Motion carried.

Michael Dwyer, Executive Director