

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The board meeting of I.W.O.A. was held on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1988 at the Robt. Grau residence, Elkader, Ia.

Board members present: Claussen, Quade, Alman, Grimes, Grau, Handley, Ritter, Tellinghuisen. Also present Wm. Farris, State Forester. Absent Yocom, Fogle.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sandra Claussen at 7:40 p.m.

Sandra announced the resignation of President Dan Fogle as president and as a member of the board. A letter of resignation was read by Sandra stating personal reasons plus the need for someone more qualified to shape the future of the association. Dan will continue to retain his membership in the association.

The secretary read the minutes of the last stated meeting. Corrected/Approved.

Treasurer Quade submitted a treasurers report showing a balance on hand of \$4036.35. After outstanding bills were submitted, the to date balance was \$3671.00. Sandra asked that all board members turn in any additional expenses by Sept. 30, 1988. Report Approved.

Vice President Claussen called to the boards attention a number of items that need clearing up. (Bonding of the Treasurer - shifting of funds into interest bearing accounts. Discussion followed, no final action taken.

Moved by Alman, seconded by Grimes that the secretary investigate and obtain, if possible a bulk mailing permit. Approved.

A tentative budget for the year was discussed. Moved by Grau, seconded by Alman that the secretary prepare a budget for the boards approval based upon the discussion. The budget will delete the proposed funding for the Master Woodsmen program and add an account for the directors expenses at \$1000. Then a contingency fund will be created for the balance to handle unexpected expenses. Approved.

Consulting Foresters were discussed. The secretary was directed by Claussen to prepare a list of consulting foresters that will be made available to the membership.

The development of a handy reference book for the membership was discussed by the board. Moved by Alman, seconded by Handley that the secretary purchase a copy of the Am. Forestry Association reference book. Approved.

Moved by Alman, seconded by Grau that the president or secretary of the Tree Farm Committee be contacted. They are to be asked to submit an article to the woodland Newsletter on how woodland owners may be certified as Tree Farmers. Approved.

Sandra will draft a summary on the State Fair Exhibit for the newsletter.

Ritter is to draft an article for the newsletter on the Annual Meeting.

The State Fair Exhibit was discussed and was generally agreed that the exhibit itself was a great success. It was agreed that in the future adjoining booths should be open and not boxed in. Also agreed that those covering the booths should stand outside the booth. Woodland expertise is needed to field the forestry questions that arise. If DNR foresters are not available, then perhaps Master Woodsmen might be used to fill the need.

It was decided that the educational series purchased by the association should be located, reviewed as to merit and reported to the board.

Due to the resignation of Dan Fogle it was necessary that <sup>the</sup> board position be filled. Sandra appointed Leonard Grimes to fill the three year term. Leonard had received the next highest number of votes in the general election. With a complete new board attention was directed to the election of officers.

For President - Ritter nominated Claussen, seconded by Grimes. -- Handley nominated Grimes, Claussen seconded. Nomination ceased. Written ballot, Claussen elected president.

For Vice President: Moved Claussen, second Alaman Grimes nominated. Nominations closed, secretary ordered to cast a unanimous ballot for Grimes.

Secretary: Grimes moved, Handley seconded that unanimous ballot be cast for Ritter

Grimes moved seconded by Claussen that Quade be retained as Treasurer provided he gets

bond taken care of. Approved. The next board meeting will be held Saturday, Jan 28, 1989 at the Grimes Law Offices, Marshalltown, Ia. at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m. Pie and snacks were served.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*William C. Ritter*  
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Secretary.