

## IWOA Minutes 11/13/2023

Amana, Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 9:58 A.M. by president Phil McCune. Other members present: Russ Glime, Paul Millice, Al Wagner, Al Walter, Steve Meyer, Craig Semler and Ed Kocal per phone.

Motion to approve Minutes from the 09/14/2023 meeting made by Walter/2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner. Motion carried.

Financial report – motion by Walter/2<sup>nd</sup> Wagner to approve. Motion carried.

Membership report was reviewed.

Millice stated there are 96 Iowa counties reporting Forest Reserve acres. It was felt that approaching Farm Bureau regarding the advantages of the Forest Reserve could be effective. The Iowa legislature will most likely resurrect the bill this coming spring. Millice will provide information that can be used in publicity.

As there is no interest from ISU in continuing the IWOA scholarship and as a result of other issues, the IWOA will no longer provide dollars for a scholarship through ISU. However, the IWOA may create its own scholarship of at least \$1000, most likely for an IWOA member or child of member. Discussion will follow at the next board meeting.

S. Meyer reported on the Tom Brady Tree Planting in Polk County. Timber stand improvement will take place over the winter. The plan is for a crew to plant trees next spring along with media coverage.

The Iowa Nature Summit at Drake University will take place November 16, 17 in Des Moines. Al Walter has agreed to represent the IWOA. The IWOA has already contributed \$250.

It was noted that the Iowa Newspaper Association can distribute a press release to various media for around \$225.

There was a short discussion regarding our spring field day.

Also, there was discussion recommending the establishment for various goals such as increasing membership. (The ratio of IWOA members to owners of Forest Reserve acres is very small.)

Motion to adjourn by S. Meyer/2<sup>nd</sup> Walter. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:53.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary

