

IWOA Minutes 12/04/2024

Amana

Meeting was called to order by president Phil McCune at 10:05 A.M.

Other board members in attendance were Tim Meyer, Russ Glime, Paul Millice, Al Wagner, Ed Kocal, Craig Semler and newly elected members, Ruth McAndrews and Ray Lehn.

Minutes- motion by Millice / 2nd Kocal to approve 07/10/2024 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Finances- all transactions from the first of 2024 up until December 1 were presented.

Motion by Semler / 2nd T. Meyer to continue with a short term CD (6 month) when the current one matures on January 12, 2025. Motion carried with one vote against.

Membership- currently at 478. Motion by Millice / 2nd Kocal to give all State DNR Foresters complimentary IWOA memberships which includes the newsletter Timber Talk via email. Motion carried.

Motion followed on how to increase membership. Kocal suggested a marketing consultant.

T. Meyer will contact a consultant with whom he is familiar.

Scholarship- Glime and Wagner reported two applications had been received. Motion by Millice / 2nd T. Meyer to award Linus Dyer and Lilly Otter each \$500 scholarships. Motion carried.

501c3- Semler reported progress to date and current status. The plan is to continue to pursue next spring, provided that is the board's wish.

BOI (Beneficial Ownership Information form) - as no one has submitted the information, Semler volunteered to file it by the end of 2024.

Forest Reserve Land Owners- Millice reported reserve landowners are listed among all the Iowa landowners in each of the 99 counties. He will send the Exel file to McAndrews per her request with the attempt to glean the reserve owners from the entire list.

Kocal and T. Meyer met with State Senator Mike Klamish yesterday regarding the possible change to the Forest Reserve. Senator Klamish presented proposals. Kocal and Meyer will present the views of the IWOA board, which includes, but not limited to, the removal of the plan to assess a greater tax to out of -county and out-of state residents.

Field Day at Loess Hills- Kocal reported a very successful day with approximately 45 in attendance.

Spring Field Day- Kocal said it is tentatively scheduled in NE Iowa sometime in April or May.

Iowa Deer Classic- Millice said he has not heard back

Capitol Tree Day at Des Moines- information to be received later

Tri State Symposium will be held in Iowa next year and the general consensus was we should have a booth/display.

Tree Planting in Des Moines - it is hoped that we can have another tree planting in Polk Co. next year.

Motion by Millice / 2nd T. Meyer to reimburse McCune \$250 as he paid for half the cost of a booth recently. Motion carried.

Kocal reported there is a Fire Workshop scheduled in Montrose on 02/13/2025.

Al Wagner was recognized for his many years as a very active board member with a beautiful plaque.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 01/22/2025 in Amana.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.