

IWOA Minutes 01/23/2025

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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, Ray Lehn and Craig Semler. Also attending was guest speaker Dave Solberg.

Minutes - motion by T. Meyer/ 2nd Lehn to approve. Carried

Finances - current balance was presented along with recent renewal of CD. There was a question regarding a \$508.03 travel expense. Semler said he would check into it.

Motion to approve by Semler/ 2nd T. Meyer Carried

Membership - Millice presented a list of 57 State foresters and technicians who will be offered free membership in the IWOA. Motion to give free membership to those listed by Glime/ 2nd Semler Carried Millice volunteered to send a welcome letter.

Dave Solberg gave advice and ideas for increasing membership. What is our target? Why are we losing or not gaining members? The possibility of a survey. Every five or six years change something; don't continue doing the same things the same way year after year. A lot of potential members who are Iowa Tree Farmers.

T. Meyer reported on discussion with a key State legislator that he and Ed Kocal had regarding the Forest Reserve bill. The information that is being used to change the bill is misleading.

On January 11 there was a panel discussion in Dubuque regarding the Forest Reserve. Some, but not all, who were on the panel were Dr. Billy Beck, John Schroeder and the Dubuque Co. assessor. T. Meyer indicated that the discussion was extremely positive for woodland owners.

Dave Baternes was a conservationist advocate. The cost for the West Des Moines bike trail tree planting was \$2655 and plaque recognizing him \$498.62.

Motion to spend \$3153 to cover the cost by T. Meyer/ 2nd Millice The general consensus was that future projects similar to this one should be carefully monitored to control our expenses.

Motion carried

Tree Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Feb. 19 12:30 - 5:00. Millice will make an "attention-getting" poster.

The 2025 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference is scheduled for 3/1/2025 in Dubuque.

IWOA Scholarship - two were given

Deere Classic - Millice reported we have a free booth but might have to buy our passes. It is scheduled for March 7-9.

Spring Field Day - tentatively to be at Elgin sometime in April or May

Millice has filed our biennial report with the Iowa Secretary of State on 01/21/2025.

Semler has filed our Beneficial Ownership Information Report on 12/05/2024.

Election of officers - motion to continue with McCune president, T. Meyer VP and Semler secretary. Moved by Millice/ 2nd Lehn Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary

