

Annual Meeting Minutes
Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition
University Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio
April 1, 2009

Board Members Present: Charlie Schafer, Steve Baker, Kent Rodelius, absent Chris Overmyer. Others Attending: Kevin Rapp – ADS/Hancor, Louie McFarland - OHLICA ARS, Ron Cornwell - OHLICA and ADMC staff Leonard Binstock

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Schafer at 9:05 am with introductions and roll call of the Board of Directors. Leonard Binstock noted that the meeting would be recorded.

- **Presidents Report**

ADMC President Charlie Schafer gave a recap of some of his involvement working with individuals in Washington D.C. (NRCS, EPA, USDA, etc.) trying to effect public policy regarding water management issues. See attached letter for details.

- **Executive Directors Report**

ADMC Executive Director, Leonard Binstock gave a report on events during 2008, see attachment with report and summary of media placements reporting on drainage water management.

- **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the April 3, 2008 annual meeting were handed out to everyone for review; Kent Rodelius moved to accept the minutes as printed, 2nd by Steve Baker. Motion Carried.

- **Approval of the 2008 Financial Report**

Steve Baker reviewed the year-end financials for ADMC and the CIG grant. Steve Baker pointed out the spreadsheet that showed the CIG expenses and in-kind by state through 12-31-09. See attachment for 2008 year-end financials. Steve Baker moved to accept the 2008 financial reports, 2nd by Kent Rodelius. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Conservation Innovation Grant Update

Leonard Binstock gave a brief review of the CIG activities for 2008. All of the sites are up and running for 2008. There were some equipment problems that needed repair during the year and we experience some flooding in Iowa and Illinois at a couple of the sites. 2009 is the

final year for the grant ending by contract on September 30th. Leonard stated that in order to complete the grant and have access to NRCS budgeted funds, ADMC would need to request an extension. After some discussion it was determined a 6 to 7 month extension would be needed to collect the field yield data and finalize reports. Steve Baker moved to request a contract extension, 2nd by Kent Rodelius, motion carried. It was suggested that ADMC meet with the CIG 5-state collaborators before this day (April 1, 2009) is over to resolve this reporting issue.

- **Membership 2008/2009**

Charlie Schafer feels we have a great story to tell and retention is as vital to our success as is finding new members. Charlie asked for a recap of the different membership levels. Leonard stated that Platinum Level \$3000 covers national members and ADMC board members. Gold members, \$2000, are regional companies, supplies, organizations, etc. Silver members, \$1000, cover members that do business in individual states. Bronze members, \$500, cover contractors, farmers, etc. A new level at \$250, Supporting Membership, was added in late 2008 to encourage small contractors and other individuals that would like to lend support to ADMC. Discussion was held on different ways to promote membership. Charlie Schafer stated that Agri Drain was preparing a mailing to their customers to join and support ADMC.

- **DWM Training**

There will be a drainage water management training session in Des Moines, IA on July 14 & 15, 2009, sponsored by ADMC in conjunction with the National LICA Summer Meeting. Instructors will be Gary Sands & Jeff Strock, University of MN, and Matt Helmers, Iowa State University. Details will be posted on the ADMC website and LICA newsletters.

- **Long Term Planning**

Long term planning was discussed and due to time restraints, it will be referred to a later board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Education & Outreach**

Education and outreach was discussed for 2009 and after the CIG project is completed. It was noted that outcomes and reporting from the collaborators are critical for timing if ADMC is planning on exhibiting at events like Commodity Classic, Soil & Water Conservation Society, etc.

- **Name Change**

President Schafer discussed the issue of changing Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition to a different title. The discussion revolved around the issue of whether agricultural and drainage is relatively narrow in scope and may cause some resistance for support of the coalition. Charlie suggested the board investigate other titles and he would do a name search for names and titles that may currently be registered.

- **Election of Officers**

Kent Rodelius moved to cast a unanimous ballot for President, Charlie Schafer, 2nd by Steve Baker, motion carried. Steve Baker moved by unanimous ballot for Vice President, Kent Rodelius, 2nd by Kevin Rapp, motion carried. Kent Rodelius moved by unanimous ballot for Secretary, Chris Overmyer, 2nd by Steve Baker, motion carried. Kent Rodelius moved by unanimous ballot for Treasurer, Steve Baker, 2nd by Kevin Rapp, motion carried.

- **Meeting Adjourned**

Steve Baker moved to adjourn, 2nd by Kevin Rapp. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Minutes recorded by Leonard Binstock.

Publication/Network	Date	Circulation
Corn & Soybean Digest	March 2008	147,000
Farm Forum	September 5, 2008	37,000
Indiana Agri-News	September 12, 2008	22,117
The Farmer	October 2008	29,949
The LICA Contractor	Fall 2008	
Rochester Agri-News	January 8, 2009	
The Land	January 16, 2009	33,269
Linder Farm Radio Network		12 stations
KDHL, Fairbault, MN		5,000 watts
AgWeb (Farm Journal Web Site)	March 13, 2009	186,153 unique users (1/09)
Land and Water	April 2009	41,000
The LICA Contractor	Spring 2009	