



# Colorado Agricultural Development Authority

**Board Meeting  
MINUTES  
July 13, 2016**

Board members in attendance included: Mel Rettig, Robert Bray, Ben Rainbolt, and Steve Wertz. Also in attendance were Jim Rubingh, Secretary; Vickie Root; and Traci Saylor, CDA.

**1. 10:05 a.m. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- May 26, 2016

*Motion #1: Mr. Bray moved to accept the May 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Mr. Rainbolt seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously*

**3. Review of Financial Statements & Checkbook Register**

CADA is still in good financial condition and Mr. Rubingh expects this to continue. Vickie explained everything is normal and within budget and mentioned she worked with multiple auditors.

*Motion #2: Mr. Rainbolt moved to accept the financial documents as presented. Mr. Wertz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**4. Loan Activity Review**

- New application – Zeth Daniel. This is for 387 acres. The bond is for \$187,344.88 for 20 years. The interest rate is 4.95% for 10 years. This will adjust to FHLB rate plus 2.45% for years between 10 and 20.

*Motion#3: Mr. Rainbolt made a motion to approve the application of Zeth Daniel. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

- New Application – Toby Dale Kandt. This is for 1920 acres with four water permits and but not enough for irrigation. He does not currently own farm land. There will be a 4% interest rate to start and will be adjusted every 5 years based on Frontier BankBase Rate and a maximum of 1.5% change per adjustment (the rate cannot exceed 7%). This will be a 20 year bond for \$520,000.

*Motion#4: Mr. Wertz made a motion to approve the application of Toby Dale Kandt. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

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## **5. Advertising Schedule Review**

It was discussed that radio is CADA's most effective form of advertising. The board discussed Farm Bureau newsletter and its effectiveness. Mr. Rainbolt brought up Young Farmers Coalition and explained that he would like to receive further information and find out what publications they offer. Mr. Rubingh discussed the website and that it has been hacked through the Google search engine. Mr. Rubingh would like to switch hosts and convert to Wordpress to make the process simpler. Mr. Rubingh is working with contractor to see if CADA can keep domain name. This expense may go against the advertising budget.

*Motion #5: A motion was made by Mr. Rainbolt to approve 2017 advertising schedule. This was seconded by Mr. Wertz and the motion was passed unanimously.*

## **6. House Bill**

Mr. Rubingh discussed House Bill 16-1194 with the board and mentioned Nebraska and Iowa using similar bills. CADA plays major role in this bill. An income tax deduction for a portion of lease payments received by a qualified tax payer for leasing the taxpayer's agricultural asset to an eligible beginning farmer or rancher. 100 certificates max allowed to give farmers. It will begin income tax year 2017. Mr. Rubingh explained further loan requirements to be listed on application. Mr. Rubingh asked the board to think through what the approval process will look like and how to choose applicants. It was mentioned that all first time farmers under this certificate will be required to submit a schedule F with their application. Mr. Rubingh will meet with The Department of Revenue to discuss the bill further and decipher language and interpretation of the bill.

## **7. Other Business**

- Current Board Members–

*Motion #6: Mr. Bray nominated Mel Rettig to be chairmen and Mr. Rainbolt to be Vice Chairmen and Jim Rubingh Secretary. Then nomination ceased and a motion made to elect Mel Rettig, Ben Rainbolt and Jim Rubingh by unanimous consent. Motion Passed.*

- Jim Rubingh contract review- Mr. Rubingh voiced concerns that if he is paid hourly, that could get expensive with the new program being enacted. The board requested Mr. Rubingh report back on whether or not this was an equitable compensation change.

*Motion #7: Mr. Rainbolt moves to accept the change of compensation to \$1000 a month. Mr. Bray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

- 2016 NCOSAFP Annual Agricultural Finance Conference, October 2-5 2016, Columbus, OH. Mr. Rubingh introduced the agenda and invited board members to participate.

## **8. Chris Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner – Colorado Department of Agriculture**

- A lot of activity at legislature, added 10 more people to plants division working on a marijuana program where grow facilities will be looked at for pesticides, one person will work directly with industry to educate them on pesticides and what they can and cannot use.

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- Received the 'Ok' to buy property behind main CDA building, plans to move ICS lab from Denver to Broomfield to consolidate- will be a combination of warehouse, metrology lab, animals lab, and ICS lab.
- Restructured Conservation Department, hired a new employee from New Mexico.
- Successful in the legislature this last session, able to get bigger budget for the State Fair, mostly going to refurbishing.

9. **Adjourn** – *Have a nice summer!*  
The board adjourned at 11:59 am.

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