

International Right of Way Association  
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41  
Friday - June 6, 2008  
Iowa Department of Transportation, Ames, IA

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M.

A Big Thank You to Marty Sankey for the Program presentation on Reconstruction of I-235 through Des Moines, it was very interesting and informative.

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes from the April 4, 2008, business meeting held at Snyder and Associates, Ankeny, IA, which are posted on IRWA, Chapter 41’s website were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nancy Halvorson presented the Treasurer’s Report to the members which indicated a total net balance of \$8585.61. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Nancy reported that Course 802 Legal Aspects of Easements and Course 803 Eminent Domain will be offered September 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the classes will be held at Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Ames, IA., Bill Rottschaefter will be the instructor for the classes. Please refer to the website for further information regarding final details. Chapter 41 will send an announcement to other professionals that might want to consider the classes for continuing education hours for their discipline.

If there are courses that you need for your professional development please let Nancy Halvorson know so classes can be scheduled to meet those needs. It was mentioned that two of our members will need the SRWA classes to obtain their designations. Nancy will check and possibly it could be held jointly with another chapter to meet the needs of more members and at a cost advantage to all. Sue Albright will check with the Appraisal Board regarding accreditation needs for IRWA Courses that would help in Appraisal continuing education.

**Program Committee:** The next meeting will be held Friday, October 24, 2008 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Rita Rasmussen and Joe Anderson will provide us with an informative and interesting program further details will be posted on the website as the details develop. Amy Walter will check and see if the meeting can be held at Snyder and Associates conference room in Cedar Rapids, IA. Thank you all for helping with the October meeting.

**Professional Development:** Rita Rasmussen, Balfour Award Candidate is one of six finalists for the award which will be presented in June 2008 at the Educational Conference to be held in Austin, Texas, Congratulations Rita!

**Legislative Review:** Sue Albright reported it was a relatively uneventful session as far as Right of Way issues are concerned.

**Membership:** A membership certificate and pin was presented to Rick Skinner, who is associated with Xenia Rural Water Association, congratulations and welcome to Rick, it is a pleasure to have you as a Chapter 41 Member. Amy Walter, Membership Chair is checking on a few other new memberships. Amy reported we have 68 members currently.

**Old Business:** Follow up regarding anything new on Realignment of Region Boundaries. Rita stated she will be able to share additional information after the meeting in Austin, Texas, June 22 thru 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The concerns may be associated with geographical and economical issues we will wait to hear more from Rita at the October 24, 2008 meeting proposed for Cedar Rapids, IA.

**New Business:** Remember to add October 9 and 10, 2008 to your calendars, as the Region 3 Fall Forum and Seminar will be held in Minneapolis (Bloomington), Minnesota on those dates. The seminar will begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 9, 2008 the seminar will be **The Twins Stadium Condemnation. The cost to attend the Seminar is \$50.00 and includes lunch.** The actual forum is Friday, October 10, 2008, make plans to attend the program sounds very interesting and there is always information to be shared with all attendees from your Region 3 associates.

There was discussion regarding the 2013 Education Conference, three locations would like to be the host cities, Fort Worth, TX, Hartford, CT., and Charleston, WV. As Bernie Banker and Jim Diemer make preparations to attend the 2008 Conference in Austin, TX they will be two of the members voting on the 2013 final location setting based on information presented.

**Other Business:** Our Website will be replacing the newsletter. All information will be placed on the website regarding any and all Chapter 41 business and functions. Please visit the website often in order to keep updated and informed regarding Chapter 41, Region 3, and International IRWA offerings, there is much information to be derived from the websites. If you have any information or announcements that need to be posted to the website please contact **Vicki Elscott, webmaster, Vicki's e-mail address is [vicki@elscottfamily.com](mailto:vicki@elscottfamily.com)** please remember to use this address when contacting Vicki for any IRWA business or function.

Please remember to be aware of new members and encourage them and mentor them to be active in the Chapter, it can be very rewarding experience in many ways.

**Collection for Toys for Tots:** This is a very worthy cause and can add joy to many as we approach the 2008 Holiday Season, you have all been generous in the past and we want to do all we can this year to do as much as possible for those we can help. If you would like to send a check for your donation make it payable to Toys for Tots, Chapter 41 and you can get it to Nancy Halvorson, Treasurer. Thank you for your consideration and generosity to this worthy cause.

**Door Prize Drawing:** Joe Anderson is the winner of the drawing for the \$50.00 door prize. Joe chose to donate the door prize to Toys for Tots. Thank you Joe!

At 11:20 A.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by all present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC  
Vice President/Secretary  
Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41