

**SWICO Board Minutes**  
**April 15, 2010 – Corning, IA – Happy Hollow Country Club**

**Board Members Present:** Clarence Moshier, Martin Olive, Alec Turner, Keith Harlan, Twila Larson, Joe Blankenship, George Maher, Kenner Baxter, Gwen Trullinger

Joe Blankenship called the meeting to order and presided in President Henderson's absence.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

A motion by Turner to approve the minutes from the February board meeting and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Harlan passed unanimously.

The board reviewed Adams' treasurer's report reflecting balance of just at \$9,000 after the payment to ISU Extension for the employee partnership agreement. With no questions about expenditures for the prior period, a motion by Trullinger with a second from Moshier to accept the report passed unanimously.

The board had discussion about membership dues and was given statements for those in their counties who had not renewed by Lynn. They were asked to follow up. The board members were also asked to identify potential new members within their area. Lynn reported that she could send information from the office to any contacts they make.

Discussion specifically about county supervisors who were not paying dues and benefiting from Coalition advocacy took place. Blankenship asked Lynn to send her statements for membership for Page and Fremont counties which he would take with him to meetings and propose they pay dues. Lynn reported that many boards of supervisors do not think they should pay dues because they fund the county/community chamber or/and economic development group. She stated that board and members have been able to keep dues low because they were spread out among organizations and businesses. She suggested the board consider higher dues for economic development and chambers who receive county funding but supervisors do not pay dues.

Discussion took place about the site for the June summit. Board members did not want to have the summit in Creston because of a lack of membership support from the city and economic development organization. Adams county community center and Atlantic community center were suggested for a site with associated rental fee. Red Oak was suggested as well. Lynn will investigate the costs and options. She will convene a planning committee for the event.

General discussion took place about legislative issues. Blankenship reported that next year advocacy is needed for a gas tax to fund TIME21. He stated that it will be tough because the federal government is looking to impose a gas tax of 15 to 20 cents. The new food safety regulations that would require small lockers to provide additional testing and costs incurred were discussed. The Coalition had sent notices out to members to voice their opinions during the public input period and will continue.

Board member Joe Blankenship adjourned the meeting with no other business before the board, and the board moved into the membership meeting.