Iowa Nutrient Research Center
Advisory Board meeting August 31, 2015

Board members in attendance:
Greg Brenneman, ISU Extension and Outreach
Matt Lectenberg, representing Jim Gillespie Soil and Water Conservation Division IDALS
Mike Naig, representing Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northery, IDALS
Daryl Smith, University of Northern Iowa
Bruce Trautman, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Larry Weber, University of Iowa IIHR Hydroscience and Engineering
Wendy Wintersteen, Dean College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Interim Center Director: John Lawrence
Keith Summerville, Drake University did not attend and notified the Dean ahead of time.

Approval of minutes: Bruce Trautman moved to approve minutes and Greg Brenneman seconded the motion.

Budget Review: $1.325 in legislative funding for the center and a special appropriation of $450,000 for monitoring to the IIHR at the University of Iowa.

2014 Project Update: Reviewed summary information on the INRC webpage. Each project title and investigators is listed with a link to a one page summary of the proposal and each quarterly progress report. Each PI will be expected to submit an impact statement for completed projects that will also be posted.

Weber suggested that PIs submitted referred journal articles and that these be placed on the webpage.

2015 RFP and Proposal Review: RFP distributed to previous PIs and to a primary contact at each institution with responsibility to distribute within the contact's institution.

Review process was discussed and proposal reviewers were listed. Twenty-five proposals were submitted for review.

2015 Funded Projects: The review panel recommended funding 11 projects across the three regent universities. Handout was distributed and reviewed. The projects recommended for funding will be notified by the Interim Director. Additional information will be requested of the funded projects.

Council Discussion:
Lawrence asked the members to review the priorities listed in the RFA and to consider if we are still on target. Agreement that the general call is appropriate but it might be appropriate to narrow the focus in the future.