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June 1, 2015

Dear Woodbury County Supervisors,

Enclosed is your county's dues statement for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. For those that have supported us in the past with your membership, we urge you do so again. For those that have chosen not to participate, we hope you will consider doing so this year.

Membership costs a mere two and ½ cents/acre of land drained. Membership in the optional mutual protection fund is assessed at one cent per acre drained.

This past year has seen unprecedented and historic challenges come our way that pose severe threats to the future of drainage;

- The EPA has proposed a huge new federal rule called "Waters of the United States" which, if it goes into effect, would regulate virtually every drop of water in the United States. Drainage would potentially be subjected to federal regulation. IDDA hosted a special meeting on this proposal in August, one of the few groups to do so. The public comment period on the rule has closed and everyone is waiting to see what EPA does next.
- Then, as if that weren't enough, county supervisors/drainage trustees representing 10 drainage districts in three Iowa Counties have been sued by Des Moines Waterworks (DMWW). The suit seeks to classify drainage as a point source of pollution so that it would be regulated under the Clean Water Act. The suit also alleges that drainage as a practice is a public nuisance, statutory nuisance, private nuisance, is guilty of trespass and of the taking the property of DMWW without just compensation.

Fighting the numerous challenges that drainage rights face requires a strong association. IDDA gets its strength through numbers- the number of members that we have and the financial support that members provide. This year more than ever, your membership dollars are vital to our continued success.

Also included is the invoice for the Mutual Protection Fund. Although it is voluntary, I strongly urge your participation. It is the mutual protection fund that gives IDDA the resources to play a role a larger role in the judicial and legislative arena. The mutual protection fund also allows the association to retain part-time legal counsel as a further service to our membership. I know that many of you either have or are considering contributions to the legal defense fund for the DMWW suit. That support is very important but it is equally important that you contribute to our mutual protection fund so that we can continue the other activities that the fund supports.\*

IDDA is working on your behalf in the state and federal regulatory arena, the court system, the state legislature and Congress. Thank you for your continued support of IDDA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harlan G. Hansen".

Harlan Hansen  
IDDA President and member, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

\*Funds for the legal defense of the DMWW lawsuit are separate from the funds in the mutual protection fund that support other IDDA activities.

Iowa Drainage District Association  
 PO Box 509  
 Humboldt, IA 50548

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
3/25/2015	4184

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Bill To
Woodbury County Supervisors Woodbury County Courthouse 620 Douglas St Sioux City, IA 51101



**Iowa  
 Drainage  
 District  
 Association**

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Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	DMWW - County	Des Moines Waterworks Lawsuit Funding	5,000.00	5,000.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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Date
6/1/2015

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To:
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Date	Transaction	Amount
05/31/2015	Balance forward	5,000.00
06/01/2015	INV #4425.	466.25
	--- County Dues, 18,650 @ \$0.025 = 466.25	
06/01/2015	INV #4426.	186.50
	--- Co Mutual Protection (Optional), 18,650 @ \$0.01 = 186.50	
	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>\$5,652.75</b>