The Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund Board (hereafter “board” or “fund”) held a meeting by telephone conference call on Thursday, January 21, 2021, in the office of the Grain Warehouse Bureau Chief, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, with Maury Noonan, Regulatory Division Director of Consumer Protection and Industry Services president designee, as chairperson.

Attending the meeting in addition to Maury Noonan (hereafter “chairperson”) were the following:

Dale Behrends
Board Member – Banking Industry Rep. Guthrie Center, Iowa

Monica Bieri
Board Member – Grain Industry Rep. Letts, Iowa

Lori Goetzinger
Board Member – Grain Industry Rep. Ralston, Iowa

Debra Keller
Board Member – Producer Rep. Clarion, Iowa

Curtis Sindergard
Board Member – Producer Rep. Rolfe, Iowa

Luke Donahe
Board Member – Treasurer Designee State Capitol Building Des Moines, Iowa

Jacob Larson
(Assistant Attorney General for the Fund) Hoover State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Jeff Walker, Accountant
Grain Warehouse Bureau Wallace State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

James Kennedy, Bureau Chief
Grain Warehouse Bureau Wallace State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Board Member(s) Absent: None

This meeting, upon duly prescribed notice, was called to order by the chairperson at 2:00 P.M. The chairperson noted that this meeting of the Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund was being held by telephone conference call since it was impractical for members to travel to a common location for a meeting projected to last only a few minutes.

The chairperson called for any additions or corrections to the December 17, 2020 board minutes. The chairperson called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Bieri made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Goetzinger seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion unanimously.
The chairperson called on Luke Donahe to present the treasurer’s report. Mr. Donahe reported that the balance of the fund as of January 20, 2021 was $3,891,575.16. The chairperson asked if there were any questions about the treasurer’s report. Hearing none, the chairperson called for a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Ms. Keller made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Ms. Goetzinger seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion unanimously.

The chairperson called on Jeff Walker to present the December 31, 2020 financial statements. As of December 31, 2020, the balance in the Investment in State of Iowa Pooled Accounts was $3,891,342.06; the Equity in the Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund was $3,892,660.23; there was a net increase in the fund for the month of $604.10; and there was a fiscal year to date increase in the fund of $430,221.61. The chairperson asked if there were any questions about the financial statements. Hearing none, the chairperson called for a motion to accept the financial statements. Mr. Sindergard made a motion to approve the financial statements. Ms. Keller seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion unanimously.

There was no reason for the board to go into closed session.

New Business: Mr. Kennedy updated the board regarding the Grain Indemnity Study conducted jointly with Iowa State University and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The study’s goal was to compare crop values, production, farm size and fund level from fund inception to the current. Once the study is finalized, copies will be sent to the board members.

The meeting for next month will be held by telephone conference call at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 18, 2021.

There was no further business to come before the board. The chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Behrends made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keller seconded the motion and the board approved the motion unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.