

taken therein; to determine the value at which property may be taken by Iowa corporations and amount of stock which may be issued on account thereof; to approve articles of incorporation and by-laws of building and loan associations, and plan for liquidation of said associations; to approve property purchases and acceptance of gifts, to authorize department leases; to approve the issuance of patents, corrected patents and easements; to authorize and pay special assessments; to authorize and pay court costs, and special attorney general fees; to authorize condemnation proceedings; approve bank depositories of public funds; the canvass of votes cast for state and district officers; the declaration of changes in classification of cities; the approval of out-of-state travel.

**Report of the Executive Council Secretary**

Section 19.6 Code of Iowa, 1981, requires that a report of the secretary of the Executive Council be published in the Iowa Official Register. That portion of the secretary dealing with matters of general interest is presented here.

Other matters required in the report as to Iowa cities and the official canvass of Iowa election results are presented in tables elsewhere.

The council had 51 regular meetings, five special meetings and convened two times as the Official Board of Canvass in 1980.

There were no corporations authorized to issue stock in exchange for property or out of surplus in 1980.

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**Fair, Iowa State**

**(Ex-Officio Members of Fair Board)**

- TERRY BRANSTAD, governor . . . . . Des Moines
- W. ROBERT PARKS, president, Iowa State University . . . . . Ames
- ROBERT H. LOUNSBERRY, secretary of agriculture . . . . . Des Moines

**Officers**

- President—FRED STROTHMAN . . . . . New London
- Vice President—MERRITT TRIGGS . . . . . Mt. Ayr
- Secretary—Manager—J.D. TAYLOR . . . . . Des Moines
- Treasurer—JOHN M. SHANDA . . . . . Perry

**District Directors**

- 1st District—JAMES RUTT . . . . . Columbus Junction
- 2nd District—EDYTHE SATTERLEE . . . . . Manchester
- 3rd District—DAVE HUINKER . . . . . Decorah
- 4th District—ED YELICK . . . . . Des Moines
- 5th District—MERRITT TRIGGS . . . . . Mt. Ayr
- 6th District—JEAN M. KLEVE . . . . . Humboldt

**Directors at Large**

- DON GREIMAN . . . . . Garner
- ED AHRENDSSEN . . . . . Audubon
- FRED STROTHMAN . . . . . New London

**Information on the Iowa State Fair**

Every August hundreds of thousands of people from all over the Midwest flock to the Iowa State Fair, the state's great celebration, a salute to Iowa's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement.

The fair is the home of a 20-acre farm machinery show, and the largest art show in the state. More than 600 exhibitors and concessionaires offer modern merchandise and quality foods. Large 4-H and VoAg/FFA shows provide excellent educational opportunity for youngsters. Five stages of free entertainment are featured every day. The grandstand offers superstar stage shows and track events. History comes alive in Heritage Village, a tribute to Iowa's hardy pioneers.

The Iowa State Fair is one of the oldest agricultural and industrial expositions in the nation. The first was held in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1854, on a six-acre tract. An outgrowth of one of Iowa's early county fairs, the State Fair was managed by the Iowa Agricultural Society. Next year's fair was also held in Fairfield. From 1856 to 1879, the fair moved from city to city: Muscatine, 1856-57; Oskaloosa, 1858-59; Iowa City, 1860-61; Dubuque, 1862-63; Burlington, 1864-66; Clinton 1867-68; Keokuk, 1869-70 and 1874-75; Cedar Rapids, 1871-73 and 1876-78.

In 1879, the fair moved to Des Moines to stay. In 1884, the Iowa Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of grounds in Des Moines on condition that the city raise an equal sum for site improvements. The present 400-acre site was dedicated two years later. The Iowa Fair was the inspiration for the novel and original motion picture, "State Fair".

A separate fair board was created in 1923, consisting of the governor, the secretary of agriculture, the president of Iowa State University, one director from each congressional district and three directors-at-large. Official delegates, representing Iowa's 103 county fairs and other agricultural associations, elect these directors at the annual State Agricultural Convention in December. The president and vice president of the fair board are elected by the board from elected directors. The board also selects the secretary and the treasurer.

Operating expenses are paid for from revenue generated by the fair and special legislative appropriations are used for capital improvements and repair. The fairgrounds are used year round as a meeting and exposition center, featuring such events as large trade and machinery shows; sports events; national livestock, horse and dog shows; arts and crafts exhibitions; private gatherings; auto races; concerts and a wide variety of other activities.

## **Family Farm Development Authority, Iowa**

418 Sixth Ave., Des Moines 50309

MICHAEL FITZGERALD, treasurer of state  
 ROBERT H. LOUNSBERRY, secretary of agriculture  
 JOHN E. SOORHOLTZ, chair, Melbourne; term expires 1986  
 GEORGE K. SCHNEIDERMAN, vice chair, Rock Rapids; term expires 1986  
 GENE E. GEISSINGER, treasurer, Des Moines; term expires 1988  
 STEVEN A. BASLER, Sharpsburg; term expires 1984  
 EDWARD ENGSTROM, Kanawha; term expires 1988  
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 EARL POWERS, Defiance; term expires 1988  
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 WILLIAM H. MC NARNEY, director  
 WILLIAM H. GREINER, executive administrator

The 68th Iowa General Assembly created the Iowa Family Farm Development Authority in 1980 for the purpose of assisting beginning farmers, as defined by Chapter 175, Code of Iowa, in purchasing agricultural land, making agricultural improvements and depreciable agricultural property for the purpose of farming.

The 69th Iowa General Assembly, in 1982, enacted legislation to broaden the Authority's powers to assist owners and operators of farms within the state of Iowa to finance the construction of permanent soil and water conservation practices or acquire certain conservation farm equipment.

The Authority may issue negotiable bonds and notes to finance its programs in assisting beginning farmers and landowners or operators. It may also participate in and cooperate with programs of the Farmers Home Administration, Federal Land Bank, any other agency of the federal government or with any program of any other state agency in the administration of the beginning farmer or soil conservation loan program.