

**Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Organizational Meeting**

Wednesday, March 30, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Farmer's Savings Bank and Trust Community Room (401 B Ave, Vinton, IA 52349)

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Zach Parmater (Vinton), Brian Wirtz (Evansdale), Jeremy Sills (Benton SWCD), David Sturch (Cedar Falls), Dave Neil (La Porte City), Stephanie Lientz (Linn County), Todd Wiley (Benton BOS), Phil Schuppert (Waterloo), John Miller (Black Hawk BOS), Sherm Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Cara Matteson (Cedar Rapids)

Others Present: Mike Kuntz (Cedar Rapids), Sandy Pumphrey (Cedar Rapids), Chris Schares (Evansdale), Nathan Wrage (Tama CCB), Josh Balk (Black Hawk SWCD), Shannon Mitchell (Benton SWCD), Breanna Shea and Larry Weber (University of Iowa), Karl Gesch (Iowa Soybean Association), Jennifer FencI (ECICOG), Adam Kiel (Iowa Soybean Association), Brian Schoon (INRCOG), Mary Beth Stevenson (IDNR)

I. Call to order & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Acting Chair John Miller.

II. Report from Iowa Flood Center on grants

Larry Weber provided an update on the HUD grant that was awarded to the State of Iowa, and an overview of the Middle Cedar project that will begin in July. Benton County is the lead entity on the grant agreement. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled in June 2016 with all project stakeholders; more project details will be available at that time.

III. Election of officers

An official letter is requested from each member, naming the appointee and alternate to the WMA Board. Members discussed possible methods for establishing the four year staggered Board terms outlined in the by-laws.

WMA Board Chair: Motion by Lundy, second by Parmater to nominate, cease nominations, and elect Todd Wiley (Benton County representative) as chairperson. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair: Motion by Lundy, second by Miller to nominate, cease nominations, and elect Cara Matteson to the position of Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Secretary / Treasurer: Motion by Lundy, second by Parmater to nominate, cease nominations, and elect Jennifer FencI (ECICOG) to Secretary / Treasurer. Motion carried.

Control County: Lundy moved and Matteson seconded to identify Benton County as the control county for the WMA. Motion carried. It was noted that the Benton County Board of Supervisors has formally agreed to serve as control county.

IV. Discussion of by-laws

Members reviewed a draft of the by-laws. Wiley suggested the addition of the following under 8A: *Bylaws shall be reviewed annually by a committee appointed by the WMA Board Chair*. It was noted that because the WMA is a public entity, it is subject to open meetings laws and therefore all members must post the agenda in a public location. Neil moved to approve the bylaws as amended, Miller seconded; motion carried. Neil moved and Matteson seconded to instruct Secretary Fencil to construct a website for the WMA to host all meeting agendas, minutes, and other relevant documents; motion carried.

V. Other business

- a. Adam Kiel of Iowa Soybean Association shared that on April 12, a community meeting will be held in Brandon to present a watershed management plan for the Lime Creek watershed.
- b. Sherm Lundy shared that it will be important to use the Middle Cedar WMA as a consortium, building off existing ideas and successful projects.
- c. The next meetings were set as **June 16 at 3:00 pm**** and September 29 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

****The next meeting date has been changed to Thursday, June 16th at 3 pm, at the Farmers Savings Bank & Trust in Vinton. The meeting will be a kick-off to the upcoming HUD project.**