**Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 guidance to practice social distancing

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**  Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Chris Schwartz (Black Hawk County), Barbara Smith (Grundy County), Mark Pingenot (Benton SWCD), Dean McKenna (Tama SWCD), Tracy Seeman (Benton County), Wayne Castle (City of Waterloo) Don Shonka (Buchanan County), Sherman Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Mark Lowry (Gladbrook), Dan Bangasser (City of Grundy Center), Maria Perez (City of Cedar Falls), Charlie Nichols (Linn County), Mary Beth Stevenson (City of Cedar Rapids), Doug Kaiser (Buchanan SWCD).

**Others Present:** Adam Rodenberg (MCWMA), Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Adam Kiel (Ag Outcomes), Valerie Decker (UI-CEA), Colleen Kinney (IHSEM), Josh Balk (Iowa DNR), John Swanson (Polk County), Jim Jordahl (IAWA), Jeff Geerts (IEDA), Jason Gomes (NIAP), Julie Althaus (Buchanan SWCD), Hacer Karamase (UI-CEA), Kate Giannini (Iowa Flood Center).

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

* Meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chairperson Fred Abels.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 21, 2021.**

* Lundy motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on January 21, 2021. Stevenson 2nd motion. Motion carried.

1. **Partner Presentations**
2. John Swanson gave a presentation about WMA Board engagement methods
3. Adam Kiel gave a presentation about the Soil and Water Outcomes Fund
4. **Election of Officers**

* Lundy motioned to appoint Chris Schwartz as Chairperson and Mary Beth Stevenson as Vice Chairperson. Pingenot 2nd motion. Motion Carried.
* Lundy motioned to appoint Fred Abels as Treasurer/Secretary. Perez 2nd motion. Motion carried.

1. **Middle Cedar Watershed Plan**
2. Partners in Conservation Grant Opportunity
3. Planning budget discussion – established a working group to develop a Watershed Management Plan outreach booklet
4. **Watershed Projects**
   1. **North Iowa Agronomy Partners**

* Jason Gomes updated the Board about the project and requested a time-only contract extension due to the challenges COVID-19 presents to outreach. Motion by Perez, second by Stevenson to approve a contract extension until September 2021. Motion Carried.

1. **Other Business**

* City of Jesup requests a letter of support for their SRF project. Motion by Schwartz, second by Lundy to approve a letter of support. Motion Carried.

1. **Public Comment**

* No public comment at this time.

1. **Next Meeting**

* The next MCWMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 8 from 3:00-5:00pm. Location TBD.

1. **Adjourn**

* Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.