**Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, June 16, 2022, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Virtual meeting with in-person option at ECICOG office

**Meeting Notes (due to no quorum)**

**Board Members Present:** Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Wayne Castle (Waterloo), Al Schafbuch (Tama SWCD), Tracy Seeman (Benton County), Don Shonka (Buchanan County), Sherman Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Maria Perez (Cedar Falls), Mary Beth Stevenson (Cedar Rapids), Chris Ward (Vinton), Nathan Wrange (Tama County), Chris Even (Jesup), Chris Schwartz (Black Hawk County), Charlie Nichols (Linn County).

**Others Present:** Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Dan Able (resident), Josh Balk (Black Hawk SWCD), Jeff Geerts (IEDA), Rose Danaher (Benton SWCD), Nick Fratzke (INRCOG), Miranda Haes (Iowa DNR), Jon Gallagher (Linn County).

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

There was not a quorum for the Middle Cedar WMA Board meeting June 16, 2022. It was the recommendation of the Board to proceed with agenda items and ask for electronic votes after the meeting.

1. **Minutes and Notes of Previous Meetings – January 20 and April 21, 2022 – no action**
2. **Amend By-Laws – Draft Discussed**

The Board discussed amending the WMA By-Laws to add another way to achieve a quorum. Several ideas were considered and expanding the Executive Committee had the most support. The proposed changes include expanding the Executive Committee to 9 and designating a balance of 3 county, 3 city, and 3 SWCD representatives. To the extent possible, the Executive Committee will be made up of representatives of members that contribute local resources to support the WMA’s activities. Once a 9-member Executive Committee is established, regular Board meetings that do not have a quorum will continue with a quorum of at least 5 Executive Committee members. If a quorum of the Executive Committee is established, the meeting continues with everyone present participating and voting. Approving action items will need half plus one of all present.

Motion by Stevenson, second by Lundy to amend the By-Laws to establish a 9-member Executive Committee with balanced representation of members that contribute local resources. It is further moved that regular WMA Board meetings will continue with at least 5 Executive Committee members and decisions made by a vote of half plus one of all present. 12 Ayes, Schafbuch votes Nay, motion carried with one more vote from Linn SWCD after the meeting.

1. **Administrative Services Update**

Fencl reported that invoices will be sent out at the end of June to the members that agreed to contribute.

1. **Watershed Project Update**
2. **Iowa Water Approach**

Fencl reported on the IWA Celebration Event in Benton County in June. The tour was well attended.

1. **North Iowa Agronomy Partners**

North Iowa Agronomy Partners received a time extension amendment to the technical assistance contract to complete the paperwork for adoption of conservation practices Jason assisted in the Middle Cedar watershed. There is $8,780 left on the contract. The Board decided to ask Iowa Ag Water Alliance about setting up a farmer recognition program with the remaining funds.

1. **Watershed Plan and Outreach Materials**

Jennifer Fencl provided an update on the plan outreach sessions we contracted with EOR to complete. There were 14 participants representing 4 cities in the watershed.

1. **Other Business**

none

1. **Public Comment**

none

1. **Next Meeting**

The next MCWMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 21st from 3:00-4:30 pm. Location TBD.

1. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm