**Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**  Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Wayne Castle (Waterloo), Barbara Smith (Grundy County), 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), Jim Lindaman (Butler SWCD), Dan Bangasser (Grundy Center), Chris Ward (Vinton), Stephen Mayne (Tama County).

**Others Present:** Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Valerie Decker (UI-CEA), Josh Balk (IDNR), Rose Danaher (Benton SWCD), Jeff Geerts (IEDA), Cara Matteson (City of Cedar Rapids), Catherine DeLong (ISU Extension), Clark Porter (IDALS), Nick Fratzke (INRCOG), Greg Walston (ISU Extension), Larry Jones (Tama SWCD), Kate Giannini (Iowa Flood Center).

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

* Meeting called to order at 3:113 by Vice Chairperson Mary Beth Stevenson.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings – October 14, 2021**

* Motion by Lundy, second by Shonka to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

1. **Election of Officers**

* Motion by Lundy, second by Schafbuch to re-elect the current slate of officers and nominations cease. Motion carried.

1. **WMA Letter of Support for City of Cedar Falls**

* Motion by Lundy, second by Castle to approve the letter of support and to invite the City to give a presentation if funded. Motion carried.

1. **Watershed Project Update**
2. **WMA board member survey**

* Valorie Decker summarized WMA board member survey results.

1. **North Iowa Agronomy Partners**

* Not available

1. **Edge of Field Blitz Project**

* Clark Porter reported that Cedar Rapids agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the new project to streamline the design and construction of edge of field practices.

1. **Cedar Rapids Source Water RCPP**

* Mary Beth Stevenson reported that Cedar Rapids and NRCS have a signed contract and an agronomist has been hired through a local Coop.

1. **Iowa Watershed Approach Update**

* Jennifer Fencl provided an update: the IWA projects are completed, but some have seeding or erosion issues. May have funding left for one more project. The IWA Celebration Event will be in the Middle Cedar with a morning meeting in Vinton and a tour of projects in the afternoon.

1. **Middle Cedar Watershed Plan**
2. Fencl provided an update on the FY23 budget request to member policy makers. The message about the benefits to supporting the WMA include keeping the momentum of the IWA, connecting the watershed plan to members, and grant writing to implement projects.
3. Mary Beth Stevenson gave an update on the development of a Watershed Management Plan outreach booklet and retractable banners for outreach events.
4. **Other Business**

* None discussed

1. **Public Comment**

* None discussed

1. **Next Meeting**

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

1. **Adjourn**

* Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm