

Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

La Porte City Community Center
(300 1st Street, La Porte City, IA 50651)

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Jeremy Sills (Benton SWCD), Dick Sloan (Buchanan SWCD), David Neil (La Porte City), Dean McKenna (Tama SWCD), Chris Schwartz (Black Hawk County), Wayne Castle (City of Waterloo), Todd Wiley (Benton County), Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Dan Bangasser (City of Grundy Center), David Sturch (City of Cedar Falls), Brian Wirtz (City of Evansdale), Cara Matteson (City of Cedar Rapids), Chris Ward (City of Vinton), Steve Jordan (City of Hudson), Lawrence Green (Franklin SWCD), Sherman Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Clayton Ohrt (Buchanan County), Clark Porter (Grundy County).

Others Present: Adam Rodenberg (MCWMA), Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Pat Conrad (EOR), Asih Asikin-Garmager (CEA-University of Iowa), Josh Balk (Black Hawk SWCD Alternate).

I. Call to Order & Introductions

- Meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Chairperson Todd Wiley.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 1, 2018

- Chris Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on February 1, 2018. Clayton Ohrt 2nd motion. Motion carried.

III. Executive Committee Update

- Todd Wiley gave update to the group on the IAWA Funding. The draft RFP will be run by the Executive Committee one last time to incorporate any edits from the WMA and IAWA. Final draft will be sent to entire board for review before release. Any questions should be directed to Todd Wiley.

IV. By-Laws Discussion

- Jennifer Fencl went over proposed revisions to By-Laws from the previous meeting. Discussion held on the proposed changes and conflict of interest. Final changes will be sent to the Board members for review prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

V. WMA Mission Statement Discussion

- Jennifer Fencl described how other organizations have developed vision and mission statements and distributed examples. Clayton Ohrt provided additional examples. Discussion held on how to develop a vision and mission statement.
- Motion by Clark Porter to form a subcommittee comprised of Clark Porter, Chris Schwartz, Jennifer Fencl, and Adam Rodenberg to develop mission and vision statements and report back to the full Board. 2nd by Chris Schwartz. Motion Carried.

VI. Project Coordinator Update (Adam Rodenberg)

a. Outreach

- Rodenberg presented on the process of implementing practices as part of the Iowa Watershed Approach project.

b. Projects

- Rodenberg described the process of procuring for archeological services to meet the Federal requirements for the Iowa Watershed Approach project.
 - o Motion by Sherman Lundy to move forward with the Request for Qualifications for Archeological services process and contracting. 2nd by Clark Porter. Motion carried.
- Adam Rodenberg described the need for grassed waterways as an acceptable standalone practice as part of the Iowa Watershed Approach project.
 - o Motion by Sherman Lundy to accept grassed waterways as a standalone practice with a 10 year maintenance agreement. 2nd by Dave Neil. Motion carried.
- Adam Rodenberg presented the board with a list of active watershed projects.
 - o Dave Neil motioned to move forward with list of current watershed projects. Chris Schwartz 2nd motion. Chris Ward abstained. Motion carried.

VII. Planning Team Update

- Pat Conrad presented on the outreach activities related to the development of the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Plan. Pat provided data and analysis information from all public engagement meetings held throughout the watershed.

VIII. Partner Updates

- No partner updates at this time.

IX. Other Business

- No other business at this time.

X. Public Comment

- No public comment at this time.

XI. Next Meeting

- The next MCWMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 19 from 3:00-5:00pm. Location TBD.

XII. Adjourn

- Motion by Dan Bangasser to adjourn. 2nd by Chris Schwartz. Motion to adjourn carried at 4:35pm.