

Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2023, 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Mt. Auburn Hall, 292 2nd Street, Mt. Auburn

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Wayne Castle (Waterloo), Al Schafbuch (Tama SWCD), Josh Balk (Black Hawk SWCD), Mary Beth Stevenson (Cedar Rapids), Dan Bangasser (Grundy Center), Maria Perez (Cedar Falls), Jim Lindaman (Butler SWCD), Barbara Smith (Grundy County), Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Bruce Frana (Linn SWCD)

Others Present: Jennifer Fencil (ECICOG), Justin Schroeder (Cedar Rapids), Cynthia Farmer (Center for Rural Affairs), Josh Ventling (ECICOG), Leon Begay (INRCOG), Shelby Williams (Benton Conservation), Stacie Buhr (Tama SWCD)

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 by Chairperson Stevenson.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from April 1, 2023 – Motion by Bangasser, second by Abels to approve. Motion carried.

III. FY23 Budget Update & FY24 Invoices

Fencil provided a budget summary to track contributions and expenses.

IV. Benton CCB letter of support for REAP grant

Motion by Lindaman, second by Abels to approve the letter of support. Motion carried.

V. Watershed Project Updates

a. Watershed Projects

Shelby explained BCC Fen & Wetland project done through the Iowa Watershed Approach. Discussed the pond and prairie on BJ Wayson's property and the Albert wetland.

b. WQI/319 Projects

Josh reported that Dry Run Creek did some urban conservation projects and worked with the school district, Local Boy Scouts, and Master Gardener program. Clark focused on 3 subwatersheds (Miller, Grundy, Black Hawk) and Faith was extended for another 3 years. Fred mentioned the wetland south of Dike and a landowner doing a bioreactor project.

c. Cedar River Watershed Partnership (RCPP)

Stevenson reported on the Kick-off Field Day on May 16th.

d. Cedar Rapids Clean Water Project

Stevenson reported that the first batch of 37 projects (bioreactors and saturated buffers) in Linn County was bid and contracted for \$500,000.

VI. Announcements

Wayne reported that Waterloo is considering a cost share program for urban practices.

VII. Next Meeting

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm