

Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority (MCWMA)
Iowa Watershed Approach Kickoff Meeting
&
MCWMA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Farmer's Savings Bank and Trust Community Room (401 B Ave, Vinton, IA 52349)

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Zach Parmater (Vinton), Brian Wirtz (Evansdale), Jeremy Sills (Benton SWCD), David Sturch (Cedar Falls), Todd Wiley (Benton BOS), Phil Schuppert (Waterloo), John Miller (Black Hawk BOS), Sherm Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Sandy Pumphrey (Cedar Rapids), Nathan Wrangle (Tama CCB)

Others Present: A complete list of attendees is attached.

Iowa Watersheds Approach (IWA) Kickoff Event:

- Shelly Peterson, Iowa Economic Development Authority, gave a welcome address and facilitated project partner and meeting attendee introductions.
- Larry Weber, Director of IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering and co-founder of the Iowa Flood Center, gave a presentation about the IWA grant project and the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority's role.
- Questions fielded from the audience.

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I. Call to order & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Chairperson Wiley.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Miller, second by Parmater to approve the March 30, 2016 meeting minutes.
Motion carried.

III. MCWMA 28E Agreement Status

Fencil reported that the MCWMA 28E Agreement was filed on June 16, 2016 and hard copies were distributed to Members present. A total of 23 of the 65 eligible political subdivisions have joined the MCWMA. The by-laws document, approved with corrections at the last MCWMA Board meeting, is ready for signature.

IV. Board Member Designation Letters

Fencil distributed a MCWMA Board Member sheet and discussed updates.

V. Staggered Board Member Term Assignments

Fencil facilitated the assignment of board terms by drawing 2-year, 3-year, or 4-year slips of paper for each Member. The MCWMA Board Member sheet will be updated to reflect the terms assigned. There are no term limits established in the by-laws.

VI. Project Coordinator Position – Hiring Committee

Wiley reported that IDALS is working on a Projector Coordinator job description for the HUD-NDRC grant project. He requested that a hiring committee be formed to be ready when that job description is finished. Motion by Lundy, second by Schuppert to form a five person hiring committee with balanced representation from county/city/SWCD, as well as Human Resources expertise. Motion carried.

VII. Website Update

A draft website has been developed at www.middlecedarwatershed.weebly.com

VIII. Other business

- a. A question was raised about whether the MCWMA needs insurance. After discussion, the consensus was that any Member's insurance would cover individual projects initiated by that Member.
- b. Lundy suggested that Members bring project ideas, especially shovel-ready projects, that they would like to include in the implementation section of the developing watershed plan.
- c. Members noted that it is an election year and that there is no WMA funding source outside of specific watershed grants.
- d. Members requested that a list of potential members be sent to current members to encourage joining.

IX. Public Comment – none

X. Next Meeting – September 29th at 5:00 pm in Vinton (note date has changed)

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Lundy, second by Schuppert to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm. Motion carried.