



**Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Cedar County Courthouse
400 Cedar Street Tipton, IA**

Board Members present: Jon Bell (Cedar County), Bill Waldie (Johnson County), Travis Glynn (Muscatine SWCD), Alan Weets (Cedar SWCD), James Drahos (City of Bertram), Jacob Donaghy (City of Cedar Rapids), Ed Kocal (Scott County), Mike Tertinger (Linn County).

Others Present: Sue Hall (press), Tara Cullison (Bi-State Regional), Jennifer Fencil (ECICOG), Tim Mallot (Cedar County EMA), Nick Longbucco (TNC), David Johnson, Linda Margie, Ken Fawcett.

- I. **Call to order and introductions**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jon Bell at 6:39 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda-** (Action) Motion by Waldie, second by Tertinger. Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of Minutes-** (Action) minutes from March 5th, 2019 Board meeting. Motion by Drahos, second by Waldie. Motion carried.
- IV. **Guest Speaker-** Ken Fawcett, a conservation minded farmer. Ken shared about the many conservation practices he has implemented on his farm over the years: contour farming, no-till, cover crops, grassed waterways, pollinator habitat, tree plantings, and grade stabilization structures. He recommended the use of flexible farm lease agreements to include the cost of cover crops (can be found at ISU extension). The WMA can help farmers implement conservation by offering incentives and using signs to recognize farmers who are implementing practices to improve water quality.
- V. **Donations update-**
 - a. Bill Waldie shared that 11 entities have contributed thus far to support the LCWMA.
 - b. Please let Holly know what your organization can do for this upcoming fiscal year so she can send out invoices soon.
- VI. **DNR Planning Grant submission** (Action) Motion by Waldie, second by Weets. Motion carried.

- a. Will require a 5% cash match if selected.
- VII. FEMA disaster funding under the *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)***
(Action)- Lynn County submits a NOI for a hydrology study. Motion by Waldie, second by Drahos. Motion carried.
 - a. Project will need 15% local match if selected.
 - b. Hydrology study needs to be specifically listed on a county's Hazard Management Plan to apply for that as project.
 - c. Ideal for projects to be \$100,000 or under.
 - d. At a county or city level look and see if there are projects for your organization that might fit.
- VIII. Priorities for Water quality/ flood mitigation information discussed**
- IX. Great River Rumble**-July 27-August 3. Volunteer participation opportunity: there will be a mussel blitz that would be great to have assistance with, talk to Holly if interested. Neat opportunity to paddle the Cedar/Iowa/ Mississippi Rivers.
- X. Other Business**-State WMA meeting of Iowa was a great meeting held on May 3rd. They are officially filed with the state as an organization.
- XI. Member updates and announcements**
 - a. Local SWCD's have many upcoming events.
 - b. Conservation Field Day- June 5 @ Fawcett Farms
 - c. Great River Rumble- July 27- Aug. 3.
- XII. Public Input**- Bi-State works with both Scott and Muscatine Counties on their Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- XIII. Next meeting:** Tuesday, August 13th @ 6:30 PM Cedar County Courthouse
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.** Motion by Tertinger, second by Weets. Motion carried.