



**Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
Virtual GoTo Meeting (recording available upon request)**

**Board Members present:** Jon Bell (Cedar County), Mary Beth Stevenson (Cedar Rapids), Bill Waldie (Johnson County), James Drahos (City of Bertram), Brinson Kinzer (Scott County), Mike Tertinger (Linn County), Holly Howard (Louisa County SWCD), Amy Foster (Atalissa), Jeff Sorensen (Muscatine County), Travis Glynn (Muscatine SWCD), Jon Kosticheck (Walcott), and Nick Nissen (Mt. Vernon)

**Others Present:** Sue Hall (press), Tara Cullison (Bi-State Regional), Jodi Freet (Cedar County EMA), Hannah Howard (TNC), Josh Spies (TNC), Kerry Greuenhagen (local farmer), Dennis Goemaat (Linn County Conservation Board), Jodi Freet (Cedar County Emergency Management), Eric Furnas (Muscatine County), Josh Balk (DNR Basin Coordinator)

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to order and introductions
  - a. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jon Bell at 6:30
2. Approve minutes from February 2020 board meeting
  - a. Action - Motion by Sorenson, second by Brinson Kinzer. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer Report
  - a. Bill Waldie reported that \$13,415.07 is currently held in our account with Johnson County. Members should continue to notify Bill Waldie if they plan to contribute funds so that an invoice can be prepared. Contributions for FY21 are currently being accepted.
4. Watershed Plan Update
  - a. Two proposals were received for the Lower Cedar Planning Services RFP. A subcommittee reviewed and evaluated the proposals, and recommended to the Board that FYRA Engineering be awarded the planning contract.
    - i. Action - Sorenson moved to accept committee recommendation and authorize the subcommittee to negotiate contract terms and for Chairperson Jon Bell to execute contract once prepared; second by Stevenson. Motion carried.

Stevenson will initiate contract development with assistance from the RFP subcommittee.

- b. An RFP will need to be developed and published for water monitoring services. A subcommittee will work on tasks related to selecting a water monitoring contractor (Bill Waldie, Eric Furnas, Amy Foster, Holly Howard, Mary Beth Stevenson, Josh Balk).
  - i. Action - Motion by Bill Waldie to move forward RFP, contractor selection, and execute contract; second by Stevenson. Motion carried.
5. Watershed Coordinator Update: Josh Spies (TNC) provided an update on the project coordinator hiring process. He reported that discussions are still underway between TNC and the State NRCS office, with progress slowed due to covid-19. The intent is still for Johnson SWCD to host the coordinator.
6. WMA Funding Discussion: Progress has been stalled on this due to covid-19. The WMA will continue to work towards developing possible funding scenarios. A concept is anticipated to be presented at the August board meeting.
7. Public Input
  - a. Dennis Goemaat shared that he was present
8. Next meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:30 pm, Cedar County Courthouse
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Motion by Stevenson, second by Kinzer. Motion carried.