

Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Grundy Center Community Center
(700 F Ave, Grundy Center, IA 50638)

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Todd Wiley (Benton County), Clayton Ohrt (Buchanan County), Richard Sloan (Buchanan SWCD), Dan Bangasser (City of Grundy Center), David Neil (City of La Porte City), Jack Boyer (Tama SWCD Alternate), Jim Lindaman (Butler SWCD), David Sturch (City of Cedar Falls), Jeremy Sills (Benton SWCD), Wayne Castle (City of Waterloo), Brian Wirtz (City of Evansdale), Lawrence Green (Franklin SWCD), Josh Balk (Black Hawk SWCD alternate), Chris Schwartz (Black Hawk County), Les Beck (Linn County), Bob Etzel (Tama County). Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD).

Others Present: Adam Rodenberg (MCWMA), Jennifer Fencil (ECICOG), Pat Conrad (EOR), Hannah Bates (Iowa Water Center), Rick Cruse (Iowa Water Center), Melissa Miller (Iowa Water Center), Hilary Pierce (ISU Extension & Outreach), Jamie Benning (ISU Extension & Outreach), Rebecca Vittetoe (ISU Extension & Outreach), Jason Gomes (North Iowa Agronomy), Jack Boyer (Tama SWCD Alternate), Antonio Arenas (Iowa Flood Center), Ashley Kittle (Tallgrass Prairie Center), Jim Jordahl (Iowa Ag Water Alliance), Julie Kearney (Center for Evaluation and Assessment), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa DNR), Jessica Turba (Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management), Valerie Decker (University of Iowa CEA), Chad Heinzl (University of Northern Iowa), Rob Davis (Houston Engineering),

I. Call to Order & Introductions

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

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting – July 19, 2018

- Chris Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on July 19, 2018. David Neil 2nd motion. Motion carried.

III. WMA Mission Statement

- Jennifer Fencil handed out updated Vision/Mission statements. Discussion held on updated statements.
- **Vision Statement:** *“Water will be valued as a shared resource to be nurtured and managed for the long-term benefit of the people living in the Middle Cedar Watershed and the ecosystem upon which they rely”*
- Motion by Jack Boyer to approve updated Vision Statement. 2nd by Fred Abels. Motion Carried.
- **Mission Statement:** *“The Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority will enable collaborative management of watershed challenges by serving as a platform for planning, education, research, strategic initiatives, funding, projects, and policy formation”*

- Motion by Fred Abels to approve updated Mission Statement. 2nd by Jim Lindaman. Motion carried.

IV. Watershed Projects

a. Iowa Watershed Approach

i. Project Update

- Adam Rodenberg provided a general update on the Iowa Watershed Approach. Rodenberg described current and planned outreach strategies. A general mailer was sent out to all eligible landowners in the targeted watersheds on November 5, 2018. Potential landowner meetings may be scheduled in winter of 2018 or spring of 2019.
- Rodenberg described potential issues with US Army Corps of Engineers, permitting, and stream/wetland mitigation requirements.

ii. Bid Packet 1

- Rodenberg presented projects in Bid Packet 1 undergoing Environmental Review prior to Bid Opening.
- Motion by Chris Schwartz to approve Bid Packet 1. 2nd by Clayton Ohrt. Motion Carried.

iii. New Applications

- Rodenberg presented and discussed list of new applications and projects list.
- Motion by David Neil to approve new application list. 2nd by Jack Boyer. Motion carried.

iv. Urban WQI Grant Opportunity

- Rodenberg presented information on cost-share program available through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) for urban water quality practices.

b. North Iowa Agronomy Partners

i. Technical Assistance Update

- Jason Gomes provided update for Technical Assistance contract. NIAP have conducted field work, designed website to engage landowners (www.cedariversolutions.com), will be developing “growers group” and other outreach strategies in winter 2018/19.
- Jennifer Fencl gave overview of the Technical Assistance contract. Contract is in place for \$123,500. East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) agreed to serve as the administrative agency with admin fees at 4% during 2 year contract.
- ECICOG developed a MOU between MCWMA, ECICOG, and IAWA. Discussion held on MOU.

- Motion by Dave Neil to authorize Executive Committee to review and the Chairperson to sign MOU. Draft MOU to be sent to full board for review prior to signature. 2nd by Jack Boyer. Jeremy Sills abstained. Motion carried.

c. Watershed Plan Update

- Pat Conrad provided update on the development of the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Plan. Conrad handed out example HUC-12 information sheet.
- Conrad described results of planning meeting and handed out targeting exercise to Board Members.

V. Partner Updates

a. Daily Erosion Project

- Rick Cruse presented information on the Daily Erosion Project. Results from the Daily Erosion Project are available on a flash drive upon request to Adam Rodenberg or Hanna Bates.

b. Iowa Flood Center

- Antonio Arenas presented information on the results of the hydrology model being used in the Middle Cedar Watershed Plan.

c. Center for Evaluation and Assessment Survey Results

- Valerie Decker described the results of the online survey sent out to WMA Board members.

VI. Other Business

- No other business at this time.

VII. Public Comment

- No public comment at this time.

VIII. Next Meeting

- The next WMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 24th from 3-4:45pm. Wickiup Hill Learning Center, 10260 Morris Hills Rd, Toddville, IA 52341.

IX. Adjourn

- Motion by Jack Boyer to adjourn. 2nd by Jim Lindaman. Motion to adjourn carried at 5:05pm.