



LOWER CEDAR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 6:30 pm West Branch Old Town Hall, 113 N. 1st Street, West Branch

Board Members present: Jon Bell (Cedar County), Bill Waldie (Johnson County), Mike Tertinger (Linn County), Eric Furnas (Muscatine County), Alyssa Guritz (Linn County SWCD), Holly Howard (Louisa County SWCD), Travis Glynn (Muscatine County SWCD), Mary Beth Stevenson (Cedar Rapids), Eldon Downs (Mount Vernon), Roger McLaughlin (West Branch)

Others Present: Jodi Freet (Cedar County EMA), Emery Davis & Thomas Fawcett (Heartland Co-op), Jennifer Bizarri (Bi-State), Adam Kofoed (West Branch), Jeff Sorensen, Kurt Kirchner, Danny Chick (Muscatine Co), Justin Schrader (Cedar Rapids), Sue Hall (local press), Dawn Smith, Matt McAndrew, Ken Faucett, Linda Schmarie (residents), Charles Ikenberry (FYRA), Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG).

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jon Bell at 6:40 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Minutes from August 9, 2022, Board Meeting
 - Motion by Mary Beth Stevenson, second Eric Furnas. All Ayes. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report by Bill Waldie
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Holly Howard, seconded by Mary Beth Stevenson. Discussed ARPA reporting requirements for Cedar & Muscatine counties. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Introduce new Indian Creek Soil Health Coordinator – Alyssa Guritz
6. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach – Emery Davis, Heartland Co-op
 - Plan to visit with farmers this winter into spring.
 - Event at Ken Faucett's farm in Feb. 2023.
 - Batch & Build project to promote edge-of-field practices to bid out for design and construction increasing efficiencies. Target 40 projects to build in the next 12 months.
7. Lower Cedar Watershed Plan Contract Close-out
 - Charles and Jennifer to post all the plan documents accessible to the Board.
 - Submit final invoices and final report to finish.
8. Member Updates & Announcements
 - Board requested presentations to counties and SWCDs about the Plan and Batch & Build project by Emery and Jennifer.
 - West Branch pursuing a project to address flooding and would like to host a meeting to show the completed project in the future.
9. Next WMA Meeting: possible date Feb. 21st, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (Location TBD)
10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. Motion by Eric Furnas, second by Mary Beth Stevenson. All Ayes. Motion carried.