

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, December 5th, 2013

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:05 pm on December 5th, 2013 at the Postville YMCA, in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Corey Meyer, Calmar	Harlan Hickle, Howard County SWCD	Jack Knight, Allamakee County SWCD
Bruce Lehman, Clermont	Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader	Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD
Ron Dennler, City of Farmersburg	Jon Biederman, City of Fayette	Jon Biederman, City of West Union
Dan Canton, City of Monona	Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD	Leigh Rekow, City of Postville
Paul Hoeger, Maynard	Ron McCartney, Clayton County	Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Chris Hackman, Postville	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County SWCD
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga	Eric Boehm, Wadena	Jim Reicks, Chickasaw County SWCD
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma		

***AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY OMMEN, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH AMENDMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS (UPDATE FROM LARRY WEBER MOVED AFTER IOWA DNR WMA PLANNING GRANT)

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26th, 2013**

****MOVED BY MCCARTNEY, SECONDED BY KUHN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26TH AS PRESENTED.

***OLD BUSINESS**

- **IOWA DNR WMA PLANNING GRANT**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY MEYER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO APPOINT CLAYTON COUNTY AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PLANNING GRANT WITH THE IOWA DNR

- **UPDATE FROM LARRY WEBER WITH THE IOWA FLOOD CENTER**

- **REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE**

- Bill Bennett gave a report from the first meeting of SWCD Commissioners hosted by Fayette County. Eight commissioners discussed many ideas to bring to the TRWMA Board for inclusion in the TRW Plan to reduce flooding and improve water quality. The eight commissioners agreed they would continue to meet quarterly to refine and develop their ideas.

- **UPDATE ON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES – ROSS EVELSIZER**

- Ross Evelsizer and Ron McCartney updated the board on the County Infrastructure Committee and their progress on developing county policy to retain water through the use of on-road water retention ponds, basins, and wetlands. TRWMA community representatives then discussed a meeting time and place for a community meeting with TRWMA representatives, city council members, and elected officials. The date set for the community meeting is **January 16th at 6 PM in Postville, IA at a location TBD.**

***NEW BUSINESS**

- **UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION METHODS FOR TRWMA REPRESENTATIVES**

- Contact sheets were passed to each board member for them to update their contact information to be kept on file. Board members not present will be sent a similar request to keep everyone informed and up to date.

- **TRW PLAN – DISTRIBUTION OF CONTENT FOR REVIEW**

- Ross Evelsizer distributed three attachments and the background section of the plan to board members for their review and approval as part of the TRW Plan. Approval of the background section was tabled for the next TRWMA meeting so members of the board could thoroughly review this section.

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY KNIGHT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO APPROVE WATERSHED SURVEY RESULTS REPORT, 28E AGREEMENT, BYLAWS, AND GIS MAPS OF EXISTING DATA AS PRESENTED AS ATTACHMENTS TO THE TRW PLAN.

- **TRW WATER MONITORING**

- Brad Crawford presented water monitoring results for 2013. The conclusion of the 2013 monitoring concluded the third year of water monitoring in the TRW. Brad spoke to the importance of monitoring data and showed potential 'hotspots' where nutrient management strategies could be targeted in the TRW Plan to improve water quality.

***SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday March 27th, 2014, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA.**

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:40 PM**

****MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY KLEMP, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:40 PM**