TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, March 27th, 2014

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 pm on March 27th, 2014 at the Postville YMCA, in Postville, Iowa.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Corey Meyer, Calmar Bart Wilson, Howard County SWCD Ron Hyberger, City of Cresco

Rhonda Dales, City of Elgin Jennifer Cowsert, 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 Terry Buenzow, City of Hawkeye

Paul Hoeger, Maynard Elizabeth Jaster, City of Strawberry Pt Jason Byrne, City of Lawler

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County Chris Hackman, Postville Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County SWCD

Kristin Klingman, City of Volga Jan McGovern, Howard County Jim Reicks, Chickasaw County SWCD

Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County

**\*AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**\*\*MOVED BY MEYER, SECONDED BY OMMEN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5TH, 2013**

**\*\*MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5TH, 2013 AS PRESENTED.**

**\*OLD BUSINESS**

* **APPROVAL OF PLAN MATERIAL – NARRATIVE**

**\*\*MOVED BY KLEMP, SECONDED BY MCGOVERN**

**TO APPROVE NARRATIVE SECTION OF TRW PLAN TO REDUCE FLOODING AS PRESENTED**

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

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

Larry Weber provided a summary of the results from modeling in the Turkey River Watershed. He also provided a draft of the report. This draft will be made available at www.turkeyriver.org.

* **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
  + **Producers** – A producer meeting will be held April 16th in the Wilder Building, Room 104-105 at 1:00 PM
  + **Communities** – The TRW Communities have met twice in 2014 and discussed ways to put in practices in their communities individually or collaboratively. RC&D is meeting with city councils upon request to discuss planning specifics.
  + **County Infrastructure** – Pushing for policy and easement documents on paper by mid-2014. On-road water retention projects are set to be constructed in Fayette County in 2014.
  + **Turkey River Watershed Alliance** – Meeting quarterly to discuss ways to give input for the TRWMA Plans.
  + **Fisheries** – Gary Siegwarth presented to the TRWMA Board that area fisheries biologists are discussing ways in which improvement to the watershed impacts fish communities in the rivers and streams in the watershed. He also stated that by improving the fisheries, improves the recreational draw and economic impact for the counties and communities in the TRW.
  + **County Commissioners** – TRW Commissioners and District Conservationists are estimating numbers of practices for flood reduction and water quality improvement in the TRW portions of their respective counties.
  + **Roadside Management –** This committee is planning to meet in the near future to discuss ways in which roadside ditches can be managed to reduce runoff.
* **SUB-WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATES**
  + **Otter Creek – Fayette County** – Aaron Anderson updated the board on progress in Otter Creek Watershed. Several projects are set for construction during 2014.
  + **Upper Roberts/Silver – Clayton County –** Eric Palas gave a presentation detailing the Demonstration of Targeted Nutrient Reduction Systems for Clayton County.
  + **Wonder/Burr Oak/Rogers/Brockamp – Winneshiek County** – Michelle Elliot gave a presentation detailing the Central Turkey River Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Project for Winneshiek County.
* **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
  + **Public Funding**
    - **Chickasaw County SWCD is applying for funding through IDALS**

**\*\*MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY HOEGER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY APPLICATION**

* + - **RC&D and Allamakee County SWCD is applying for funding through IDALS**

**\*\*MOVED BY BYRNE, SECONDED BY BIEDERMAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RC&D AND ALLAMAKEE COUNTY APPLICATION**

* + **Private Funding**
    - RC&D and partners have applied for private funding to return 18 rain gauge/soil moisture probes to the TRW. This grant also includes working with producers to monitor tile outlets for Nitrogen.
* **REVIEW OF NEW PLAN COMPONENTS**

RC&D presented a series of maps to be included in the TRW Plans

\*\***MOTION BY MCGOVERN, SECONDED BY OMMEN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TO APPROVE NEW PLAN COMPONENTS AS PRESENTED**

* **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC MEETING – LOCATION AND TIME OF DAY**

The board discussed if anyone wanted to host a public meeting during the next quarter. It was recommended that RC&D pick the time and location.

**\*ADJOURNMENT AT 2:50 PM**

**\*\*MOVED BY OMMEN, SECONDED BY MEYER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

**TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:50 PM**

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 26, 2014, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***