

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, December 4th, 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 December 4th, 2014 at Postville YMCA, in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bart Wilson, Howard SWCD	Ron Hyberger, City of Cresco	Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader	Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD	Eric Palas, Clayton SWCD
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County	Dustin Schott, City of Arlington	Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County
Dan Canton, City of Monona	Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD	Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Paul Herold, City of Ft Atkinson	Ron McCartney, Clayton County	Jason Byrne, City of Lawler
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Leigh Rekow, City of Postville	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek SWCD
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga	Jan McGovern, Howard County	Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma
Jon Biederman, West Union	Jon Biederman, Fayette	

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY KUHN, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2014**

****MOVED BY MCCARTNEY, SECONDED BY MCGOVERN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2014 AS PRESENTED.**

***OLD BUSINESS**

- o Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Proposal Details and Planning Implications
Lora Friest summarized the application to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program submitted by Northeast Iowa RC&D and Trout Unlimited. The RCPP application included approximately \$9 million in requested for conservation and \$940,000 for technical assistance for the Driftless Region in Iowa. The Turkey River and the Apple Plum Watersheds are priority areas for Iowa but all parts of the defined Driftless Area are eligible for projects. If awarded, funds will be awarded over a five year period, 2015-2019.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o Iowa Flood Center Update – Antonio Arenas presented information about data analysis being completed at the Iowa Flood Center (IFC). They are gathering information from many different gauges across the Otter Creek Watershed, a sub-watershed of the TRW, to incorporate into the models they are using. Antonio focused on showing the relationship between soil moisture conditions and surface water discharge. The IFC is able to see new data trends because of the extensive gauging network they are developing in the TRW. Using this information, the IFC is developing a way to more accurately predict when conditions are primed for flooding. Several members of the Board suggested having a meeting with EMA personnel across the watershed to inform them about the new gauging tools that are available and to discuss expanding the gauging network.
- o Request for Extension of DNR Water Quality Planning Grant

****MOVED BY MCGOVERN, SECONDED BY HOEGER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO REQUEST A NO
COST EXTENSION FOR IOWA DNR WATER QUALITY PLANNING GRANT TO 12-31-15**

- o Planning Discussion
 - Review Plan Outline
 - Approval of New Components
 - Discussion****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY KUHN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO APPROVE PLAN
COMPONENTS AS PRESENTED**
- o TRWMA Board Representation Changes due to elections – Board members were reminded that if changes occurred from elections that entities appoint a new representative to the TRWMA Board of Directors

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:15 PM**

****MOVED BY OMMEN, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:15 PM**

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 26th,
2015, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA*******