

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, February 23rd, 2017

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 February 23rd, 2017 at the YMCA in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD
Jennifer Cowsert, City of Elkader
Rhonda Dales, City of Elgin
Harlan Hickie, Howard SWCD
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma
Ron Hyberger, City of Cresco
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Dave Tilkes, Chickasaw County

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Ray Peterson, Clayton County
Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek SWCD
Corey Meyer, City of Calmar
Jan McGovern, Howard County
Jon Biederman, City of Fayette
Chris Hackman, City of Postville
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga
Bruce Lehman, City of Clermont
Jon Biederman, City of West Union
Dan Canton, City of Monona

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY MEYER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2016**

****MOVED BY DALES, SECONDED BY MCGOVERN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2016 AS PRESENTED.**

***OLD BUSINESS**

- o Why you are here – Rod Marlatt, Board Chair, reviewed the history of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority and the purpose of their formation. Marlatt also reviewed and commended the board on the accomplishments to date. The TRWMA is recognized as one of the leaders in WMA activities in the state of Iowa. Marlatt urged members to stay engaged in the future so progress could continue.
- o Grant Updates – Ross Evelsizer from Northeast Iowa RC&D updated the Board on two grants that are in progress.
 - AgSolver Profit Zone Manager Project – Northeast Iowa RC&D and the Iowa Soybean Association are working with producers to improve return of investment and conservation with producers in the TRW. The project is still adding producers to participate in the project. Interested producers can contact Ross Evelsizer at RC&D.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o SRF Sponsored Projects 2017 Letters of Support for West Union and Fayette – The board was asked to support two project applications for the State Revolving Loan Sponsored Projects Program from the City of Fayette and the City of West Union. The City of Fayette applied for funding to install vegetated bio-retention cells in the downtown area which would help capture runoff and improve the aesthetic quality of the downtown area. The City of West Union applied to resurface part of the West Union City Hall parking lot with permeable pavers and install a rain garden adjacent to the building. This would significantly reduce runoff and pollutants from leaving the site.
****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY CANTON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO PROVIDE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE AND THE CITY OF WEST UNION APPLICATIONS FOR SRF SPONSORED PROJECTS.**
- o Update from the Statewide WMA Meeting – Rod Marlatt and Lora Friest (Northeast Iowa RC&D) provided an update to the board about the statewide WMA meeting held in Dubuque. The attendees of the meeting discussed collaborating efforts of WMAs around the state to make efforts to increase funding for WMA plan implementation and planning.
- o Community Planning Partnership with Univ. of Iowa College of Engineering: 2017 Communities – Lora Friest updated the board about the partnership between the University of Iowa College of Engineering and Northeast Iowa RC&D that provides communities access to graduate students to assist with community storm water planning. The City of Postville will be participating in 2017. Communities interested should contact RC&D before fall of 2017 to be considered for 2018 participation.
- o County Board of Supervisors Report on 2017 implementation of on road structure policy – The board discussed the policy adopted by each county to consider on-road detention structures when replacing small bridges or culverts that have been damaged. The board urged supervisors to work with their respective engineers to implement this policy. Jan McGovern (Howard County) reported that their engineer had inventoried small bridge and culvert locations for

part of the county with intentions to finish the rest of the county in 2017. This would help them know where on-road structures would be an appropriate solution should one of those structures become in need of repair.

- Reviewing and modifying Hazard Mitigation Plans to include practices that reduce flooding – The board discussed the need to include elements of the TRW Resiliency Plan in their County Hazard Mitigation Plans. This makes mitigation practices eligible for funding from sources that are currently unavailable.
- Partnership Grant Application Opportunities – Lora Friest discussed grant opportunities with the board. Each entity was encouraged to work together or on their own to find ways to implement practices that were included in the TRW Resiliency Plan. Northeast Iowa RC&D is available to assist any entity considering a grant application.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:40 PM**

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

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 22nd,
2017, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA*******