

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, April 16th, 2015

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:15 pm on April 16th, 2015 at Postville YMCA, in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Dustin Schott, City of Arlington
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Chris Hackman, City of Postville
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma
Larry Gibbs, Clayton County*

John Nicolai, City of Elkader
Dan Carolan, Chickasaw County
Dan Carolan, City of Lawler
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga
Jon Biederman, West Union
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena

Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD
Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Jan McGovern, Howard County
Jon Biederman, Fayette

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY BOEHM, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECMEBER 4TH, 2014**

****MOVED BY MCGOVERN, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 4TH, 2014 AS PRESENTED.**

***OLD BUSINESS**

- o The extension request requested by the TRWMA Board was granted through December 2015 by the Iowa DNR.
- o Grant Updates – Lora Friest updated the Board on a number of grants that are in progress, past applications, or coming available
 - RCPP – The DRIP RCPP application submitted by Trout Unlimited and Northeast Iowa RC&D was unsuccessful. The next round of RCPP funding will be announced later in 2015
 - RC&D is working with the Iowa Soybean Association and producers in the TRW to monitor tile outlets for Nitrates. This will be occurring throughout the year. The results will be available to the participating producers as well as the public as an educational reference about tile outlets.
 - The Iowa Flood Center and RC&D will be putting out rain gauges and soil moisture probes at 20 locations across the TRW beginning later this month. The information gathered at these sites will be available at the Iowa Flood Information System website.
 - Several county Farm Bureau chapters will also be getting rain gauges as part of an effort to connect producers with the watershed. Three additional gauges will be installed in the TRW with one going in Chickasaw County, Howard County, and Winneshiek County.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o Iowa Flood Center Update – Antonio Arenas presented information about data analysis being completed at the Iowa Flood Center (IFC). Mr. Arenas updated the board on the information they are modeling in Otter Creek and the lessons they have learned at the Iowa Flood Center about rainfall and flooding and how these are related to existing conditions on the landscape. As the Iowa Flood Center continues to understand these factors better, they will be able to give better information about flood reduction and flood forecasting to residents in the TRW and across the state.
- o Flood Forecasting Meeting Review – Ross Evelsizer reviewed a meeting and training session for emergency managers, fire departments, and city and county officials for flood forecasting tools available for the state of Iowa and the TRW. The tools are available on the Iowa Flood Information System website and maintained by the Iowa Flood Center. These tools are designed to be used in conjunction with the current National Weather Service flood forecasts to give decision makers and emergency personnel time to anticipate floods and make the necessary preparations. Links to the tools can be found at the Iowa Flood Center homepage as well as www.turkeyriver.org.
- o Planning Discussion
 - Review Draft Plan
 - Discussion
 - Approval of Draft Plan

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY BIEDERMAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO APPROVE
PLAN COMPONENTS AS PRESENTED**

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:45 PM**

****MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY BOEHM, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:45 PM**

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 25th,
2015, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA*******