

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, September 25th, 2014

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 pm on September 25th, 2014 at Northeast Iowa RC&D, in Postville, Iowa.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Harlan Hickle, Howard SWCD	Ron Hyberger, City of Cresco	Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Jennifer Cowsert, City of Elkader	Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD	Ron Dennler, City of Farmersburg
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County	Dustin Schott, City of Arlington	Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County
Dan Canton, City of Monona	Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD	Bruce Lehman, City of Clermont
Paul Herold, City of Ft Atkinson	Ron McCartney, Clayton County	Jason Byrne, City of Lawler
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Chris Hackman, Postville	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek SWCD
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga	Jan McGovern, Howard County	Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma		

**\*AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**\*\*MOVED BY MCCARTNEY, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 31ST, 2014**

**\*\*MOVED BY KUHN, SECONDED BY MCGOVERN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2014 AS PRESENTED.**

**\*OLD BUSINESS**

**\*\*MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY OMMEN  
TO CHANGE THE REQUIRED TIME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING FROM JULY TO THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE  
CALENDAR YEAR**

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

• **Applied Planning**

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Lora Friest with Northeast Iowa RC&D discussed

**\*\*MOVED BY OMMEN, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND IN-KIND MATCH TO THE DRIP RCPP PROJECT APPLICATION**

Conservation Innovation Grants

- State – ‘Demonstration of the Rapid Land Cover Mapper as a Method of Systematically Quantifying the Engagement of Landowners and Adoption of Conservation Practices’ - An Iowa CIG, Demonstration of the Rapid Land Cover Mapper as a Method of Systematically Quantifying the Engagement of Landowners and Adoption of Conservation Practices”, was submitted by the RC&D with two main goals, 1) to use the RLCM tool to better understand the impact of the TRW project in terms of quantitative shifts in land cover. i.e. what is our net gain or net loss 2) identify and work with “Champion Producers” to promote conservation practices in the TRW. This grant was awarded.
  - Private Grants – Ross Evelsizer and Lora Friest discussed with the Board regarding the replacement of rain gauges throughout the watershed. Antonio Arenas presented information to the board regarding the value of data from the rain gauges. The Board discussed the possibility of using the rain gauges as an early warning system for when conditions in the Turkey River Watershed are prime for flooding.
- Otter Creek Watershed Update – Adam Grim and Paul Berland updated the Board on progress being made on water detention structures in the Otter Creek Watershed. All of the currently proposed structures have passed archeological assessment and are awaiting final paperwork before letting bids for construction. Designs for the first wave of projects have been given to the Iowa Flood Center so they can be incorporated into the hydrologic modeling.
  - Review Plan Components and Timeline – Ross Evelsizer discussed with the board that Board members would receive some plan components prior to the next meeting where they can be discussed and approved.

**\*ADJOURNMENT AT 2:30 PM**

**\*\*MOVED BY KUHN, SECONDED BY OMMEN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:30 PM**

**\*\*\*\*\*The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December  
4th, 2014, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA\*\*\*\*\***