

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, September 26th, 2013

**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 September 26th, 2013 at the Postville YMCA, in Postville, Iowa.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Corey Meyer, Calmar	Harlan Hickle, Howard County SWCD	Jack Knight, Allamakee County SWCD
Jim Matt, Clermont	Jan McGovern, Howard County	Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD
Dustin Schott, Arlington	Linda Sedlmayer, Farmersburg	Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Paul Hoeger, Maynard	Ron McCartney, Clayton County	Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Chris Hackman, Postville	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County SWCD
Greg Barta, Ft. Atkinson	Eric Boehm, Wadena	Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County

**\*AMMENDMENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 25th, 2013**

**\*\*MOVED BY MCGOVERN, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 25TH AS PRESENTED.**

**\*OLD BUSINESS**

- **IOWA NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY GRANT**  
**\*\*BOARD CHAIR PRESENTED A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CLAYTON AND WINNESHIEK COUNTY SWCD'S APPLICATIONS FOR THE IOWA NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY GRANT**  
**APPROVAL BY ROLL CALL: 17 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 OBSTAIN (SEDLMAYR)**
- **IDNR WMA PLANNING GRANT**  
**\*\*MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY BOEHM, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**  
**TO APPROVE THE TRWMA BOARD ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE IOWA DNR FOR THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PLANNING GRANT TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY**  
  
**\*\*MOVED BY HOEGER, SECONDED BY KUHN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**  
**TO APPOINT NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PLANNING GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE IOWA DNR**  
  
**\*\*MOVED BY BYRNE, SECONDED BY MATT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**  
**TO APPOINT NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D AS THE PROJECT MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PLANNING GRANT CONTRACT**
- **REPORT FROM COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**
  - Ross Evelsizer gave an update on the progress by the County Infrastructure Committee. Federal, State and Local policy supports accelerated downstream water movement and encourages the placement of larger structures to accommodate more water. These policies contribute to downstream flooding and local, county, state and federal public and private infrastructure damage including county roads and bridges. The County Infrastructure Committee is working to revise policies at the county level to retain water where possible rather than accelerate it downstream.
- **REPORT FROM THE CORN GROWERS**
  - Ross Evelsizer updated the board that Northeast Iowa RC&D is working with John Finley to meet with the Iowa Corn Growers and the Iowa Soybean Association county representatives to gather input from producers in the Turkey River Watershed.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

- **UPDATE FROM THE IOWA FLOOD CENTER**
  - Sara Stuessy from the Iowa Flood Center gave an update regarding the progress of the hydrologic modeling going on with the Turkey River Watershed and the Otter Creek subwatershed.
- **PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM THE TRWMA WATERSHED SURVEY**
  - Ross Evelsizer updated the board that a landowner and community member survey had been sent out to 1,500 people in the Turkey River Watershed and that they had received over 400 back. The results of the survey will be available at the next meeting
- **DISCUSSION ABOUT THE FORMATION AND USE OF TRWMA COMMITTEES**
  - Lora Friest spoke to the board about participating in smaller committees that will meet and discuss recommendations to the TRWMA Board to include in the flood mitigation and water quality improvement plan. The County Infrastructure Committee has already been formed. Lora suggested the TRW Alliance, TRW Communities, Corn Growers and Soybean Association, Cattlemen and Pork Producers, TRW Middle Schools, and County Conservation Board Commissioners as possible committees.

**\*SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 1:00PM at the Postville YMCA.**

**\*ADJOURNMENT AT 2:05 PM**

**\*\*MOVED BY MCCARTNEY, SECONDED BY BOEHM, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:05 PM**

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Board Secretary Signature