

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1:00 pm Thursday, January 31st, 2013
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:05 pm on January 31, 2013 at the Postville YMCA, in Postville Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County	Corey Meyer, Calmar
Jon Biederman, West Union/Fayette	SWCD	Jim Reicks, Chickasaw County SWCD
Eric Boehm, Wadena	Ron Hyberger, Cresco	Dustin Schott, Arlington
Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County	Kristin Klingman, Volga	Bart Wilson, Howard County SWCD
Dan Canton, Monona	Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Chris Hackman, Postville
Jennifer Cowsert, Elkader	Ron McCartney, Clayton County	
Chad Gilles, Howard County SWCD	Jan McGovern, Howard County	

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY BILL BENNETT, SECONDED BY COREY MEYER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

***NEW BUSINESS**

- Iowa Flood Center (Larry Weber-Director of the IHR: Hydrosience and Engineering)
 - Timeline for the project
 - The Turkey River model is coming along nicely – They will present about this at the re-scheduled meeting
 - They would like to hear from prioritized HUC 12s in early March
 - Priorities
 - Watershed with intrinsic public value/awareness will be prioritized
 - Preference is to work in a headwater watershed (not limited to Howard County)
 - Watersheds that demonstrate high run-off and/or that have experienced high localized flooding will be prioritized
 - Strong team of diverse stakeholders, technical experts, and strong local leadership is desired
 - Looking for potential for the synergy between recent past watershed projects/proposed watershed projects in the future/ongoing watershed work that have had an impact on flood damage/stream flow reduction
 - Landowner and producer willingness to participate (involved with discussion/enrollment in programs/implementing conservation practices) is desired
 - Requirement for percentage of participation?

***COUNTY SWCD PROJECT STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- Clayton County-Eric Palas-Clayton County SWCD Project Coordinator
 - Clayton County project history – 13 projects from 1986-present
 - Past focus was to protect high quality waters (spring fed, cold water trout streams)
 - Current Project: Silver Creek->Turkey River
 - Clayton County is a karst area (60 sink holes in the Silver Creek watershed)
- Winneshiek County-Corey Meyer-Winneshiek County SWCD Watershed Projects Coordinator
 - The Turkey River is becoming a recreational attraction
 - The Watershed is very diverse
 - Families that live and farm in the watershed want to take care of the land
- Fayette County-Carrie Davis-Fayette County SWCD Project Coordinator
 - Current Project: Upper Otter Creek
 - Long Term Objective: Go from the Upper Otter Creek Watershed to the Lower Otter Creek Watershed
 - Current Project: West Union Streetscape
- Howard County-Neil Shaffer & Chad Gilles-Howard County SWCD Watershed Coordinators
 - Recent Project: Lake Hendricks Watershed Project
 - Current Project: Silver Creek->Upper Iowa River
 - Sub-Watersheds to target: North and Central Howard County
 - CSP Program-Good stewards of the land
- Chickasaw County-Jim Reicks-Chickasaw County SWCD Commissioner
 - 78,000 acres of Chickasaw County that is in the Turkey River watershed
 - 2(3) sub-watersheds in Chickasaw County
- Delaware County-
 - Recent Project: Elk Creek

- Terraces, stream bank, waterway repair, etc...
- Currently surveying landowners (interest in terraces)

***Q/A WITH THE IOWA FLOOD CENTER AND SWCD PERSONNEL**

***OTHER BUSINESS**

- Rod Marlatt asked the SWCDs to prioritize sub-watersheds and send them to the executive committee
- **MOVED JENNIFER COWSERT, SECONDED BY ERIC BOEHM, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE SUB-WATERSHED PRIORITIES.**
- Rod Marlatt suggested the TRWMA meet quarterly and the executive committee meet monthly
- NASA and the Iowa Flood Center has selected the Turkey River to deploy 15-20 scientific grade rain water gauges
 - They would like the TRA and the TRWMA to help them identify locations to deploy these gauges
 - Email Sara with suggestions by mid-February
 - This will begin in March and they will be removed mid-Summer
- Article in the Gazette-Orlan Love
- Mallory Marlatt will be in contact with you in the future about meetings to come
- Vote for the kayak by Motor Mill on Facebook to be the cover photo for the 2013 Iowa Travel Guide
- Next TRWMA meeting: Thursday, April 25th, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Postville YMCA
- Public meetings will occur in March and April at 7:00p.m.
 - 3/7 - Clayton County Office Building (Elkader)
 - 3/14 - Cresco Bank and Trust (Cresco)
 - 3/21 - Tap't Out (West Union)
 - 4/4 - NICC (Calmar)

***ADJOURNMENT AT 3:15 PM**

****MOVED BY ERIC BOEHM, SECONDED BY JON BIEDERMAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 3:30 PM.**

Mallory, Turkey River Watershed Project Assistant Coordinator, Northeast Iowa RC&D

Board Secretary Signature