

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Friday, January 4th, 2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The executive meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order by teleconference at 1:00 pm on January 4, 2013.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Corey Meyer, Calmar	Jennifer Cowsert, Elkader	Ron McCartney, Clayton County
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County	Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD	Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County SWCD
Bart Wilson, Howard County SWCD		

***NEW BUSINESS**

- Northeast Iowa RC&D to assist in Watershed Planning
McCartney reported that Clayton County, which applied for and is administering the recently awarded watershed planning grant on behalf of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority, received three responses to its RFQ for a consulting organization to assist the TRWMA in the planning process. At the Clayton County Supervisors meeting on December 26th, supervisors accepted the RFQ submitted by Northeast Iowa RC&D.
- ****MOVED BY BILL BENNETT, SECONDED BY JENNIFER COWSERT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE CLAYTON COUNTY'S SELECTION OF NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D AS A CONSULTANT IN THE WATERSHED PLANNING PROCESS.**
- Beginning the Watershed Planning Process: *Inviting Press to January 31 TRWMA meeting*
 - McCartney suggested beginning with direct dialogue with press
 - Committee agreed that inviting press to January 31st TRWMA meeting was a great way to start and will encourage all board members to invite local press contacts.
 - Northeast Iowa RC&D will send out meeting reminder to board members, encourage board members to contact local press, and send out press release.
- Beginning the Watershed Planning Process: *Public Meetings*
 - Since public meetings will take place across the watershed as part of the planning process, Cowsert suggested having public meeting dates available for press at the January 31st meeting.
 - Dates of first public meetings were tentatively set, pending any major conflicts, for
 - o Elkader: March 7 (Location: Clayton County Office Building)
 - o Cresco: March 14
 - o West Union: March 21
 - o Calmar: April 4 (Location: Northeast Iowa Community College)
 - Public meetings will be 1 hour long, include 30-45 minutes of presentation(s) and time for questions
 - Topics will include: What the Authority is? Who is involved? What the IFC is doing? If IFC selects subwatersheds based on participation, who wants to participate? What is the timeline? Why are we going through the planning process? Why are we a model watershed? Goals include involving as many people as possible and providing information for both farmers and communities.

***OTHER BUSINESS**

- New Board Members
Jan McGovern will replace Adolph 'Mick' Gamez as the representative from Howard County, and Mark Kubik will be Howard County's alternative representative. Mark Kuhn will be the representative for Winneshiek County, replacing Lonnie Pierce. We thank Mr. Gamez and Mr. Pierce for their service and welcome Ms. McGovern, Mr. Kubik, and Mr. Kuhn.
- Next TRWMA Board Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on January 31, 2013 at the Postville YMCA in Postville, Iowa.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 1:26 PM**

****MOVED BY BART WILSON, SECONDED BY JENNIFER COWSERT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1:26 PM.**

Brad Crawford, Turkey River Watershed Project Coordinator, Northeast Iowa RC&D

Board Secretary Signature