

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, January 18th, 2018

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:06 pm on June 22nd, 2017 at the YMCA in Postville, Iowa.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD  
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena  
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga  
Barb Collins, City of Monona  
Randy Boedker, Chickasaw SWCD  
City of West Union, Jon Biederman  
Dan Carolan, Chickasaw County

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD  
Ron Hills, City of Elgin  
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard  
John Beard, Winneshiek County  
Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader  
City of Fayette, Jon Biederman  
Steve Lueken, Delaware SWCD

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County  
Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek SWCD  
Leigh Rekow, City of Postville  
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma  
Darwin Frana, City of St Olaf  
Dan Carolan, City of Lawler

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**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**\*\*MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY CAROLAN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2017**

**\*\*MOVED BY KLEMP, SECONDED BY OMMEN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2017 AS PRESENTED.**

**\*OLD BUSINESS**

- County On-Road Policy Update – Rod Marlatt briefly reminded the board to continue to utilize on-road detention projects as a way to reduce flooding problems in the TRW.
- Grant Updates – Ross Evelsizer of Northeast Iowa RC&D discussed a meeting that RC&D is facilitating a meeting with the Iowa Flood Center and the National Weather Service. The purpose of the meetings is to inform WMA members and emergency managers about flood forecasting and river and stream gauge network in Iowa. The NWS and the IFC will also discuss how they are collaborating and future plans for their activities to keep the public informed before, during, and after floods. Members of the Turkey River, Upper Iowa, and Upper Wapsi WMAs and emergency managers from those watersheds were the invitees. The meeting will be February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at the Postville YMCA in Postville, IA.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

- Howard Creek Watershed Planning – Karl Gesch, Iowa Soybean Association, and Eric Palas, Clayton SWCD, presented an introductory presentation regarding watershed planning activities to be conducted in the Howard Creek HUC 12 watershed in Clayton County. The watershed plan is being led by the Iowa Soybean Association and producers in the watershed.
- Flooding in Iowa – Antonio Arenas, Iowa Flood Center/IHHR presented information about flooding in Iowa. Iowa is 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, with 951 events, for presidential disaster declarations related to flooding since 1988. Billions of federal, state, and private dollars have been expended in Iowa for flood recovery in the same period. FEMA alone has contributed \$1.7 billion dollars in for flood recovery since 1999. Since 1999, Iowa has \$2.7 billion in crop insurance claims related to flooding. Clayton County, which is in the Turkey River Watershed, has the highest number of flood related presidential disaster declarations since 1988.
- Grants Committee Update– Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) provided an update from the Grants (Executive) Committee meeting which was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed priority projects for which to pursue grants in 2018. The top 3 projects discussed by the committee were: 1) a watershed project in Fayette County 2) educational signage for the watershed to inform travelers when they are entering and leaving the TRW 3) funding for on-road detention structures for counties. The committee also wanted communities to be thinking about potential storm water projects and be sure to take advantage of programs such as the SRF Clean Water Sponsored Projects Program.
- Otter Creek Tour Discussion – The TRWMA and Northeast Iowa RC&D are hosting a watershed tour of Otter Creek to see projects completed as part of the IFC HUD 1 project. The tour is being planned for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Invitations for the tour will go out statewide but attendance is being capped at 100 people due to cost restrictions for buses and food.
- Stormwater Education at RC&D – Megan Buckingham (RC&D) presented information about the stormwater education program that will be available to schools and the public at the Northeast Iowa RC&D campus. The RC&D campus will be a learning and demonstration site for many different stormwater best management practices

following construction in 2018. Schools and the general public will be invited to visit the site and learn about the functionality of stormwater best management practices and how they can be incorporated into any community. Grants will also be available for schools that visit the site to be used for stormwater projects in their own communities.

**\*ADJOURNMENT AT 2:10 PM**

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

**\*\*\*\*\*The next meeting (including the annual meeting) is  
scheduled for Thursday April 26th, 2018, at 1:00 PM at the  
Postville YMCA\*\*\*\*\***