

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, September 27th, 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 September 27th, 2018 at Northeast Iowa RC&D in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerry Ommen, Clayton County SWCD
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County
Dan Carolan, City of Lawler
Ray Peterson, Clayton County

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Ron Hills, City of Elgin
Jan McGovern, Howard County
Dan Carolan, Chickasaw County
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Dustin Schott, City of Arlington*
Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 26TH, 2018**

****MOVED BY MCGOVERN, SECONDED BY HOEGER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 26TH, 2018 AS PRESENTED.**

***OLD BUSINESS**

- o TRW Watershed Coordinator – The board discussed options for funding a coordinator through Northeast Iowa RC&D to continue to facilitate meetings, disseminate information through the website turkeyriver.org, and seek funding through grants to implement projects as part of the TRW Resiliency Plan. RC&D presented two options for each entity on the WMA to VOLUNTARILY contribute funds to temporarily funding a coordinator for 2019. The proposal from RC&D is attached. Each TRWMA entity will be asked to contribute \$250 with a goal of raising \$6,000 for coordination in 2019.
****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY MCGOVERN, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO RECOMMEND OPTION 2 FROM NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D FOR EACH TRWMA ENTITY TO CONTRIBUTE \$250 FOR A PROJECT COORDINATOR IN 2019.**
- o 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.
- o WMA's of Iowa – Rod Marlatt updated the board on the latest WMA's of Iowa meeting. He emphasized the need for the group to become more proactive to push for sustainable funding for Iowa WMAs. There are now 24 WMAs in Iowa.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o Summary from Soil Health Symposium – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D, and several other people that attended the Soil Health Symposium in Fayette County at Upper Iowa University shared things that they learned from the symposium.
- o Water Quality Monitoring and Research – Chris Jones, Research Engineer, IIHR, presented findings from his research about water quality in Iowa. Nitrate and sediment loads leaving Iowa surface waters have substantially increased over the past 10 years despite increasing efforts to reduce nutrient loading.
- o Otter Creek Water Quality Practice Survey – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D, discussed a survey that was sent out to landowners in the Otter Creek Watershed. The survey asked landowners about water quality improvement conservation practices including questions about adoption, decision making, and obstacles for implementation.
- o Multi-Cropping Iowa – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D shared a new project with the board. RC&D is starting a project to study the ecologic and economic benefits of multi-cropping.
- o Grants Opportunities – Ross Evelsizer
 - Targeted HUC 12 Project – The board discussed applying for a grant to implement projects in a targeted HUC 12 watershed.
 - Educational Signage – Another grant was discussed that could provide funding to install educational signage around the perimeter of the watershed.
- o Northeast Iowa RC&D Urban Stormwater Demonstration Site Tour – Tori Nimrod, RC&D, gave board members a tour of the stormwater management practices implemented at the RC&D site including rain gardens and bioswales. Since the practices were implemented in early September, the practices have captured over 71,000 gallons of rain runoff.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:45 PM**

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

*******The next meeting (including the annual meeting) is
scheduled for Thursday November 29th, 2018, at 1:00 PM at the
Northeast Iowa RC&D*******

TRWMA Coordinator 2019 Proposal

Northeast Iowa RC&D

OUTLINE OF OPTIONS

Option 1: Coordination & Website Management

- Task 1.1 Coordination and facilitation of TRWMA Quarterly Board Meetings
 - Develop and distribute agendas
 - Track minutes
 - Track and manage appointed representatives, reappointments, contact information
- Task 1.2 Coordination and facilitation of TRWMA Executive Committee Meetings
- Task 1.3 Representation at Statewide WMA Meeting
- Task 1.4 Website maintenance
 - Posting of minutes and agenda
 - Identify and post current news and events that are relevant to the TRW
 - Maintain website functionality

Suggested Contribution - \$150 per WMA Entity ----- Goal - \$3,000

Option 2: Option 1 plus Grant writing

- Task 2.1 Grant Identification
 - Identify grants that fit priorities of the WMA
- Task 2.2 Grant Proposal Development and Coordination
 - Work with the TRWMA Executive Committee to identify project goals, area, and potential partners
 - Identifying and secure matching funds if applicable
 - Develop proposal narrative and required documents to complete grant applications

Suggested Contribution - \$250 per WMA Entity ----- Goal \$6,000