

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, September 28th, 2017

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
Ray Peterson, Clayton County
Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek SWCD
Chris Hackman, City of Postville
Dustin Schott, City of Arlington
Randy Boedker, Chickasaw SWCD

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga
Dan Canton, City of Monona
Paul Herold, City of Fort Atkinson

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Rhonda Dales, City of Elgin
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY KUHN, SECONDED BY SCHOTT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 22ND, 2017**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY DALES, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 22ND, 2017 AS PRESENTED.**

***OLD BUSINESS**

- 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 Grant Updates – Ross Evelsizer from Northeast Iowa RC&D updated the Board on the AgSolver Profit Zone Manager Project. Northeast Iowa RC&D and the Iowa Soybean Association are working with producers to improve return of investment and conservation with producers in the TRW. The analysis includes nearly 3,500 acres of cropland in the TRW. Each acre was analyzed for profitability based on profit and loss for the years data was available. The results with each producer and the project as a whole were successful overall. Each producer that participated is considering alternative management strategies for areas that were consistently unprofitable. The changes in management will benefit the producers' production efficiency and water quality and flood reduction in the TRW.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o River Gauging Meeting with IFC and NWS – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) followed up with both the Iowa Flood Center (IFC) and the National Weather Service (NWS) regarding how the two organizations use each other's information and gauges to complete flood forecasting. Both NWS and IFC staff offered to facilitate a meeting for WMA members to explain flood forecasting, river and stream gauging, and how these entities collaborate. A meeting date has not yet been determined.
- o Iowa Flood Center – Antonio Arenas presented information about precipitation in the TRW and the state of Iowa. Many areas of Iowa experienced below average precipitation in 2017. Areas of the TRW also experienced lower than average precipitation overall but also had an exceptional rain event in July. This is consistent with patterns of t
- o Otter Creek Tour Discussion – RC&D will be working with the Iowa Flood Center to set up a tour of flood reduction projects in the Otter Creek Watershed. The tour will likely happen spring of 2018 at some point. Watershed professionals and members of other WMAs will be invited to join the tour and see the great work that has been accomplished in Otter Creek.
- o Grants Committee – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) discussed with the TRWMA Board to have a grants committee that met twice per year to discuss funding opportunities that would help meet the goals of the TRWMA Resiliency Plan. It was decided that this responsibility would be handled by the executive committee. They will have their first meeting before the end of 2017.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:10 PM**

****MOVED BY OMMEN, SECONDED BY HOEGER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:20PM**

*******The next meeting (including the annual meeting) is scheduled for Thursday January 18th, 2018, at 1:00 PM at the Postville YMCA*******