

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1:00 pm Thursday, March 28th 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 March 28, 2013 at the Postville YMCA, in Postville Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Jon Biederman, West Union/Fayette
Eric Boehm, Wadena
Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County
Jennifer Cowsert, Elkader
Corey Meyer, Calmar
Paul Herold, Fort Atkinson
Marlene Klemp, Waucoma

Ron Hyberger, Cresco
Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Ron McCartney, Clayton County
Jan McGovern, Howard County
Rick Holthaus, Chickasaw County
Rick Reicks, Chickasaw County SWCD
Eric Palas, Clayton County SWCD
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County

Dustin Schott, Arlington
Bart Wilson, Howard County SWCD
Jim Matt, Clermont
Rhonda Dales, Elgin
Paul Hoeger, Maynard
Fran Passmore, Monona
Dwayne Hauber, Winneshiek County SWCD

***APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AFTER MOVING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT & WMA RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 31ST MEETING**

****MOVED BY DALES, SECONDED BY MEYER, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

***NEW BUSINESS**

• **Executive Committee Report**

- The Executive Committee recommended that the WMA select the Otter Creek HUC 12 watershed for the Iowa Flood Center Watershed Demonstration Project.
- Executive committee members explained the process to select a HUC 12 watershed for the demonstration project:
 - The executive committee received six applications, one from each county's SWCD, recommending a HUC 12 watershed for the watershed demonstration project.
 - The seven Executive Committee members and Iowa Flood Center reviewed and scored the applications on five criteria – outlined on <http://turkeyriver.org/priority-subwatersheds/>
 - The Executive Committee met on March 8th, 2013 to discuss the applications and compiled scores and made the decision to recommend the Otter Creek HUC 12 watershed.
 - Otter Creek watershed is located entirely in Fayette County, so results were tallied without the two Fayette county scores (Marlatt & Bennett). Otter Creek still received the highest score. Meyer (Calmar) observed that the land-use and topography within the Otter Creek Watershed provides a good representation of the larger Turkey River Watershed.

• **WMA Recommendation to Iowa Flood Center for Watershed Demonstration Project**

****MOVED BY COWSERT, SECONDED BY WILSON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:**

TO RECOMMEND OTTER CREEK WATERSHED FOR THE IOWA FLOOD CENTER WATERSHED DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

• **Board Member Participation**

- Absences in excess of three consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings will result in notification to the Member that they may wish to consider a reappointment.

• **Jay Mar**, State Conservationist

- Jay Mar presented on the importance of soil quality, the role of roots & organic matter within the soil.

• **Larry Weber**, Director IIHR – Hydrosience & Engineering + **Iowa Flood Center Team** Update

- Larry Weber provided an update on projects the Iowa Flood Center is partnering with the WMA on:
 - **Spring 2013: Iowa Flood Center** will be testing their model in a TRW sub-watershed – Otter Creek, Fayette County
 - **Spring 2013: NASA and Iowa Flood Center** conducting a national rainfall modeling study. Precipitation and soil moisture gauges will be installed in April.

• **Northeast Iowa RC&D**, update on watershed activities

- Lora Friest, Northeast Iowa RC&D Executive Director, gave an update on current TRW activities:
 - **RC&D working with WMA Partners to develop** TRW Plan over the next 18-24 months
 - Public input, producer group and community group meetings
 - **Spring 2013: IDALS/DSC** has recommended the Turkey River Watershed be 1 of 8 priority watersheds through the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.
 - **RC&D working with WMA SWCD's** to secure grants to expand technical assistance in TRW

***SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Postville YMCA.

***OTHER BUSINESS**

***ADJOURNMENT AT 3:45 PM**

****MOVED BY HOEGER, SECONDED BY KLEMP, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 3:45 PM.**

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

Board Secretary Signature