

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, January 24th, 2019

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 pm on January 24th, 2019 at Northeast Iowa RC&D in Postville, Iowa.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD  
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena  
John Beard, Winneshiek County  
Jason Byrne, City of Lawler  
Ray Peterson, Clayton County  
Eric Palas, Clayton SWCD

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County  
Ron Hills, City of Elgin  
Jerry Stevens, Howard County  
Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County  
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga  
Dan Canton, City of Monona

Jon Biederman, City of Fayette  
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard  
Jon Biederman, City of West Union  
Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD  
Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader

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**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24TH, 2019**

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 24TH, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**

**\*OLD BUSINESS**

- o TRW Watershed Coordinator – Rod Marlatt reminded the board that each TRWMA entity was asked to contribute \$250 with a goal of raising \$6,000 for coordination in 2019. A few contributions have already been received with many other entities indicating they had included the donation in the 2019 budget cycle.
- 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.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

- o WMA's of Iowa – Rod Marlatt and Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) updated the board on the latest WMA's of Iowa meeting on 1-11/2019. The group discussed legislative communications, building capacity for all WMAs in Iowa, submitting a proposal for an Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant, and the statewide WMA meeting plans for 2019.
- o Iowa Flood Center – Larry Weber/Antonio Arenas – Unable to attend due to weather.
- o Agenda addition – Jon Biederman reported to the board that the City of West Union had been approved for funding through the State Revolving Fund Sponsored Projects Program for stormwater best management practices in the community. Fehr Graham and Northeast Iowa RC&D assisted the City with the program application which was approved for \$650,000.
- o Multi-Cropping Iowa – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D talked briefly about the multi-cropping Iowa project with the board. RC&D is starting a project to study the ecologic and economic benefits of multi-cropping. Interested producers can contact RC&D for further info and anyone can follow the project on Facebook and Twitter by using the handles @MultiIowa.
- o Grants Opportunities – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D spoke with the board about upcoming grant opportunities. The TRW Executive Committee approved in 2018 to pursue grants that build capacity for the WMA. The Iowa Partners for Conservation and the WQI Nutrient Reduction Strategy Planning & Development Projects grants are possibilities for applications.
- o Northeast Iowa RC&D Urban Stormwater Demonstration Site Tour – Ross Evelsizer, RC&D reminded the board that the RC&D stormwater demonstration site was open for schools to bring students to learn more about storm water BMPs and become eligible for grants.

**\*ADJOURNMENT AT 2:45 PM**

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

**\*\*\*\*\*The next meeting (including the annual meeting) is scheduled for Thursday March 28th, 2019, at 1:00 PM at the Northeast Iowa RC&D\*\*\*\*\***