

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**

****MOVED BY CANTON, SECONDED BY BENNETT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
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.
- o Grants Opportunities Pending – Ross Evelsizer informed the board of a pending grant application for an Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant through NRCS. The grant would assist the WMA with analyses such as ACPF and cover crops, increase outreach, and provide funding for a WMA coordinator for 4 years.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o Iowa Flood Center – Antonio Arenas presented on precipitation patterns for 2018 – winter of 2019. Arenas showed that Iowa had one of the wettest years on record for 2018, particularly late in the year leaving soils saturated heading into winter months. The wet conditions were followed by considerable snowfall during the months of January and February 2019. Arenas indicated that these conditions make it likely that flooding could occur in the Turkey and other watersheds across Iowa.
- o Otter Creek Flood Project Performance – Rod Marlatt discussed the changes experienced in the Otter Creek Watershed since the flood projects were completed in 2016-2018. Marlatt expressed that the City of Elgin had experienced fewer issues from Otter Creek despite many heavy rain events. Marlatt also showed pictures of the on-road structure located on Golden Road close to West Union holding a considerable amount of water during recent runoff from snowmelt.
- 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 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. More information is available by contacting Tori Nimrod at tori@northeastiowarcd.org or by calling 563-864-7112.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:05 PM**

****MOVED BY BOEHM, SECONDED BY PETERSON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:05PM**

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 27th,
2019, at 1:00 PM at the Northeast Iowa RC&D*******