

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, September 26th, 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 September 26th, 2019 at Northeast Iowa RC&D in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Bennett, Fayette County SWCD
Ron Hills, City of Elgin
Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County
Gerry Ommen, Clayton SWCD
John Lubke, Winneshiek SWCD

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Jerry Stevens, Howard County
Ray Peterson, Clayton County
Dustin Schott, City of Arlington
Marlene Klemp, City of Waucoma

Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Jason Byrne, City of Lawler
Gerry Ommen, City of Elkader
Dan Canton, City of Monona
Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

****MOVED BY BOEHM, SECONDED BY CANTON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 27TH, 2019**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 27TH, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**

***ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS**

- o Review members needing reappointment – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) provided a list of member entities needing to reappoint representatives to the TRWMA Board. Member entities needing to reappoint include – City of Cresco, City of Farmersburg, Fayette SWCD, Clayton SWCD, Delaware SWCD.
- o Elect officers - ****MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY CANTON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO REAPPOINT ROD MARLATT, FAYETTE CO AS BOARD CHAIR, BILL BENNETT, FAYETTE SWCD AS VICE CHAIR, AND JENNIFER COWSERT, CITY OF ELKADER AS SECRETARY/TREASURER.**
- o Executive Committee Re-appoint or Elect new officers - ****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY KNIGHT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO RE-APPOINT BART WILSON, HOWARD SWCD, JOHN LUBKE, WINNESHIEK SWCD, AND JENNIFER COWSERT, CITY OF ELKADER TO THE TRWMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**
- o Review of WMA Board Purpose and Education – Brief discussion regarding reviewing the purpose and history of the TRWMA for newly elected members.

***OLD BUSINESS**

- o TRW Watershed Coordinator – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) reviewed the contributions from members for the Project Coordinator to continue facilitating meetings and pursuing project funding for flood reduction and water quality practices included in the TRWMA Resiliency Plan. Evelsizer reported that \$4,350 had been received to date with two known entities having approved contributions but needing to send contributions to RC&D.
- o EWP-FPE – Rod Marlatt provided an update on the Emergency Wetland Program reporting that \$35 million would be available to the State of Iowa for areas prone to flooding along rivers. Marlatt also reported there is high interest from landowners in the TRW so he is hopeful that a portion of the available funds can be used in the TRW.
- 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 Extreme Weather in Iowa Symposium – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) discussed an upcoming event where he would be representing the TRWMA to discuss ways local partners were working together through the WMA to reduce the impacts of flooding in large watersheds like the TRW. The Extreme Weather in Iowa Symposium is facilitated by the University of Iowa and held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Evelsizer is on a panel with other experts and coordinators including Larry Weber with the Iowa Flood Center, Antonio Arenas with the Iowa Flood Center, and Mary Beth Stevenson with the Iowa DNR.
- o Fishers and Farmers Grant Program – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) discussed an opportunity for project funding with the board to leverage funding for the project coordinator to analyze potential conservation and develop neighborhood networks with producers to increase conservation implementation in the TRW.
****MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY CANTON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM THE FISHERS AND FARMERS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D.**

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:30 PM**

****MOVED BY BOEHM, SECONDED BY SCHOTT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:30PM**

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November
21st, 2019, at 1:00 PM at the Northeast Iowa RC&D. *******