

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, November 21st, 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 November 21st, 2019 at Northeast Iowa RC&D in Postville, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Jerry Stevens, Howard County
Ray Peterson, Clayton County
Dustin Schott, City of Arlington
Bruce Lehman, City of Clermont
Kristin Klingman, City of Volga
Steve Lueken, Delaware SWCD

Eric Boehm, City of Wadena
Jason Byrne, City of Lawler
Gerry Ommen, City of Elkader
Dan Canton, City of Monona
Jon Biederman, City of Fayette
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard

Ron Hills, City of Elgin
Jason Byrne, Chickasaw County
Gerry Ommen, Clayton SWCD
John Lubke, Winneshiek SWCD
Jon Biederman, City of West Union
Mark Kuhn, Winneshiek County

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***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2019**

****MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY STEVENSON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2019 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 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. An application was submitted in October in partnership with the Iowa Soybean Association.

***NEW BUSINESS**

- o TRW Rain Gauges – Breanna Shea (Iowa Flood Center) updated the board about the status of the 20 rain gauges, soil moisture probes, and soil temperature gauges distributed throughout the TRW. The IFC collected the gauges to complete maintenance and updates. The IFC intends to reestablish gauges in the TRW in spring of 2020 but at fewer locations and with newer gauges. IFC staff will work with TRWMA members to determine locations before distribution in the spring. Shea also reminded board members of the Iowa Flood Information System (IFIS) which is available at <http://ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis/main/>. Shea also mentioned a couple of upcoming events. The 8th International Conference on Flood Management will take place on August 17-19, 2020 in Iowa City. More information is available at <https://icfm2020.org/>. The Big Splash is a celebration of the Iowa River and will take place on August 15th and 16th 2020. More information can be found <https://hancher.uiowa.edu/BigSplash>
- o Community Stormwater Ordinance and Best Management Practices – Dan Canton, City of Monona, presented to the TRWMA Board regarding some of the efforts in the community of Monona to address storm water runoff. Monona implemented a stormwater ordinance so that entities interested in development in the community must address rain water runoff in development plans. The community has also implemented their own stormwater practices through programs like the SRF Clean Water Sponsored Projects Program.
- o Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Ross Evelsizer (RC&D) discussed an opportunity for funding through the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program. RC&D is working with IDALS to submit an application that would bring \$3 million for conservation implementation in the TRW from 2020 through 2025. The application will be submitted in December.

- o Other - TRW Watershed Coordinator – Board members discussed sending out a letter to TRWMA member entities regarding coordination donation for 2020. Board members decided in favor of sending a letter to all entities requesting donation for \$250 per entity as soon as possible.

****MOVED BY CANTON, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO REQUEST \$250
FROM EACH MEMBER OF THE TRWMA FOR COORDINATION AND REPRESENTATION
THROUGH NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D.**

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:30 PM**

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

*******The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 27th,
2020, at 1:00 PM at the Northeast Iowa RC&D. *******