

TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1:00 pm Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The regular and annual meeting of the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 pm on February 2nd, 2023 at Northeast Iowa RC&D.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Marlatt, Fayette County
Paul Hoeger, City of Maynard
Jack Knight, Allamakee SWCD
Mark Vick, Winneshiek County

*Jennifer Cowser, City of Elkader
Jon Biederman, City of Fayette
Jon Biederman, City of West Union
Eric Boehm, City of Wadena

Eric Palas, Clayton SWCD
Bill Bennett, Fayette SWCD
Matt Frana, Winneshiek SWCD
Steve Lueken, Delaware SWCD

*Virtual

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10TH, 2022**

****MOVED BY COLLINS, SECONDED BY PETERSON, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 12TH, 2022 AS PRESENTED.**

***ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS**

- Review members in need of reappointment – City of Elkader, City of Fayette, City of Maynard, City of Monona, City of St Olaf, City of Volga, City of West Union
- Executive Committee – reappoint or elect new members – Rod Marlatt (Fayette County), Bill Bennett (Fayette SWCD) ******MOVED BY KNIGHT, SECONDED BY BYRNE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO REAPPOINT ROD MARLATT, BILL BENNETT AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****
- Elect officers - ******MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY KNIGHT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: TO ELECT ROD MARLATT TO BOARD CHAIR, BILL BENNETT AS VICE CHAIR, JENNIFER COWSERT AS SECRETARY/TREASURER****

***REGULAR BUSINESS**

- County On-Road Policy Update – Rod Marlatt discussed the need for counties to continue to push to get on-road structures installed in the watershed. Ross Evelsizer updated the board that the IDNR and Iowa Flood Center are working on an analysis of the economic impact of on-road structures and mapping out potential locations. Dataset of on-road structures has not been published yet but will be available soon.
- Midwest River Expeditions – Ross Evelsizer – Ross Evelsizer informed updated the board that signs are in and are being deployed from funding received through the Midwest River Expeditions grant. The signs are watershed boundary signs that say “Turkey River Watershed, Let’s keep it clean”. The signs are being installed on private land along state highways near the watershed boundary of the TRW. A total of 6 signs will be installed.
- OVPR Project – Kate Giannini, Iowa Flood Center – Kate talked with the board about the recently funded OVPR project. The project provides a total of \$50,000 to use various methods to create a watershed community in the TRW. The grant includes \$5,000 in honoraria for the TRWMA board for participating. Northeast Iowa RC&D will be assisting coordination of other grant activities.
- TRWMA Coordinator Update – Ross Evelsizer updated the board on various activities of the coordinator over the past few months. A letter requesting donation to fund coordinator activities on behalf of the TRWMA will be going out in the next couple of months. The suggested donation is currently \$250. Ray Peterson (Clayton County) suggested changing the amount to \$500. The board decided to table further discussion until a later meeting date.

***ADJOURNMENT AT 2:10 PM**

****MOVED BY BENNETT, SECONDED BY KNIGHT, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:
TO ADJUORN REGULAR MEETING AT 2:10PM**

******* The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 19th,
2022, at 1:00 PM at a location TBD *******

