

**Upper Wapsipinicon River WMA Meeting  
November 15, 2016**

1:35 pm – Meeting called to order

Total of 39 attendees

IWA Update – Larry Weber

- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> contracting deadline – contracting should be finalized by end of day
- IWA Hydrologic Team and Flood Resilience Team will switch off presenting at WMA quarterly meetings

ISU Extension & Outreach Update – Adam Wilke

- ISU List of Services
  - Working document – open to adjusting services to fit WMA Project Coordinators
  - Open to new research interests/questions from IWA watershed communities

IWA Update – Breanna Shea

- All IWA news, materials, and information can be found on IWA website
- WMA Advisory Board Meeting – tentative date of Thursday, January 26, 2017
  - Topic: Accomplishments and Outcomes of Iowa Watershed Project

IWA Flood Resilience Program – Craig Just

- Iowa communities help decide who is flood resilient
  - Decisions are made about locations receiving protection from future floods
- Increasing flood resilience requires actions and resources
  - Actions: mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery
  - Resources: social, human, institutional, natural, economic, physical
  - Mitigation and social are the focus areas for IWA Flood Resilience
- A detailed hazard mitigation plan is critical to compete for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding
- IWA Flood Resilience Team deliverable to each watershed is a Flood Resilience Action Plan
  - Inform hazard mitigation plan and watershed plan
- Floodplain map with overlay of socioeconomic status data – social resource
  - Intersections of low resources and high flood plain area is of interest to IWA to focus on in enhancing flood resilience in the community
- Independence and Upper Wapsi will be able to populate map with data that is more detailed than publicly available census data

**Q&A**

1. What is the link to the information system website showing the IWA watersheds?
  - a. <http://iwa.iowawis.org/app/>
2. Do you have floodplain areas and built projects mapped for entire state of Iowa?
  - a. IFC's Floodplain Mapping Project for State of Iowa is finishing up the end of this year

- b. Hazard Mitigation Plans need to be watershed-based rather than county-based
- c. IDNR mapping out all conservation practices (terraces, grass waterways, buffer strips, ponds, wetlands)

#### NEIRC&D – Lora Friest

- IWA planner and budget spending
- All information being provided by IWA partnering organizations (UI, ISU, UNI, etc.) will be pooled into one, useful document to Upper Wapsi Watershed
- NEIRC&D will help try to collect specific information for Upper Wapsi Watershed
  - Each county has GIS-layered information of all landowners across watershed
  - Working with engineers about conditions of roads, culverts, bridges especially in relation to money spent on them due to damage from flooding
  - Hosting public meetings and sending out surveys covering what prevents communities from mitigating, preparing, or recovering from floods
  - Do not think solely of strategies that will get you money, but also strategies that have a great impact even with little financial support
- Watershed Plan will consist of outreach and engagement plan, technical assistance plan, WMA board functioning plans beyond the next 5 years

#### **Q&A**

1. If you are going to request this data, can you ask other watersheds to collect same data so there is consistency across multiple watersheds in one county?
  - a. I think this is a great idea – I will contact other watersheds
2. 90% of Iowa land is privately owned, so education plan is very vital for continuing watershed practices management
  - a. Upper Wapsi WMA Board has Education Committee
3. How to keep water on land longer be addressed and what project needs to be built for this?
  - a. Policy changes in counties north of Upper Wapsi – when replacing culvert, they will ask landowner upstream to allow water back up on their land
  - b. Engineers are good resources for how you can keep water on land longer before dumping into bodies of water
4. If we want landowners to participate, we need to also hear about changes urban can make
  - a. Upper Wapsi Watershed has a Community Committee (personnel include city administrators, city council, etc.) that discusses how urban and landowners can both benefit from watershed improvement projects
  - b. Also connecting with University of Iowa Office of Sustainability

#### WMA Board Meeting

- IFC looking at water quantity sensoring for IWA
- Upper Wapsi encouraged to continue water quality analysis with Coe College and WMA Project Coordinator could be organizer
- Addition to Upper Wapsi WMA – City of Dunkert – WMA Board approves
- Developing Technical Committee and WMA Project Coordinator Hiring Committee

- Interested in having 5-7 people on each committee
- 3 WMA members on Technical Committee currently
- 3 WMA members on WMA Project Coordinator Hiring Committee currently

Next Upper Wapsipinicon WMA Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2017

2:54 pm – Meeting adjourned

All committees meeting individually after WMA Board Meeting

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## UPPER WAPSIPINICON WMA MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 1:30 pm at Buchanan County Courthouse Assembly Room, Independence, IA

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