

Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2020 3:00-5:00pm
Hartman Reserve Nature Center
(657 Reserve Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613)

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Fred Abels (Grundy SWCD), Chris Schwartz (Black Hawk County), Barbara Smith (Grundy County), Mark Pingenot (Benton SWCD), Dean McKenna (Tama SWCD), Tracy Seeman (Benton County), David Neil (City of La Porte City), Wayne Castle (City of Waterloo) Don Shonka (Buchanan County), Steve Jordan (City of Hudson), Sherman Lundy (Black Hawk SWCD), Rob Werner (City of Gilbertville), Dan Bangasser (City of Grundy Center), David Sturch (City of Cedar Falls), Mike Keninger (Franklin SWCD), Steve Boland (Linn SWCD), Nathan Wragge (Tama County), Stephanie Lientz (Linn County), Jim Lindaman (Butler SWCD), Mary Beth Stevenson (City of Cedar Rapids).

Others Present: Adam Rodenberg (MCWMA), Kate Giannini (Iowa Flood Center), , Asih Asikin-Garmager (University of Iowa-CEA), Jim Jordahl (Iowa Ag Water Alliance), Jason Gomes (North Iowa Agronomy Partners), Brian Schoon (INRCOG), Colleen Kinney (Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management), Josh Balk (Black Hawk County SWCD alternate), Jake Hovey (City of Hudson alternate), Dennis Pruckley (North Cedar Vision), Bonnie Pruckley, Helen Leavenworth (Linn County NRCS), Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Cara Matteson (City of Cedar Rapids alternate).

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 3:04pm. Introductions of MCWMA Board Members present and public in attendance.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 21, 2019.

- Sherman Lundy motioned to approve meeting minutes from MCWMA Board of Directors meeting on November 21, 2019. Chris Schwartz 2nd motion. Motion carried.

III. Election of Officers

- Sherman Lundy motioned to re-elect current officers for another year. Dave Neil 2nd motion. Motion carried.
 - o Sherman Lundy commented the Iowa Watershed Approach is only focused in Buchanan, Benton, and Tama Counties and work needs to expand to the entire Middle Cedar Watershed.

IV. Middle Cedar Watershed Plan (Jennifer Fencl)

a. Funding Formula Discussion Continued

- Jennifer Fencl presented summary power point of previous discussion on potential Funding Formulas.

- Discussion held on how contribution amounts are determined and how non-member portions of the Watershed are distributed. Provide a 1-page handout to each entity on the pros and cons of each option.
- Sherman Lundy motioned to use current contribution formula presented and take to policy makers to request support and offer comments on direction and any changes that need to be made. 2nd by Mary Beth Stevenson. Motion carried.

V. Watershed Projects

- a. Iowa Watershed Approach (Adam Rodenberg)
 - Rodenberg presented a power point presentation on Watershed Projects on-going through the Iowa Watershed Approach project.
- b. North Iowa Agronomy Partners (Jason Gomes)
 - Gomes gave update on on-going work throughout the Middle Cedar Watershed. Gomes has reached goal of 10,000 acres of cover crops within the watershed in 2020.
 - Gomes highlighted new use of cover crops to brew beer. Single Speed Brewery offered new beer on June 14, 2020.

VI. Partner Updates

- Kate Giannini from the Iowa Flood Center (IFC) gave update on the University of Iowa's work as part of the Iowa Watershed Approach. IFC staff working on hydrology modeling with specific practices being implemented. Water quality information system deployed in spring

VII. Other Business

- Iowa Water Conference scheduled for April 8-9.
- Waterloo SRF grant for water quality projects approved for \$900,000

VIII. Public Comment

- Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship looking for nomination for watershed awards. Contact Jake Hansen for more details.

IX. Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be April 16, 2020 from 3-5 pm at Hartman Reserve Nature Center.

X. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 4:34pm