

**Clear Creek Watershed Coalition**  
**Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting**  
5:00 pm, January 19, 2022

**Board Members present:** Coralville – **Meghann Foster**; Johnson County – **Kasey Hutchinson (by phone)**; Iowa City – **Ben Clark**; Tiffin – **Al Havens (by phone)**; Iowa County – **John Gahring**.

**Others by present:** Valerie Decker – UI CEA; Jeff Geerts (by phone) – IEDA; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencil (by phone) – ECICOG; Scott Larson – Coralville; Catherine DeLong (by phone) – ISU Extension; Matt McAndrew – MB Water.

**Call to order and introductions:** Chair Gahring called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. Chair Gahring welcomed Mayor Meghann Foster to the Board as new Director for the City of Coralville.

**Administrative:**

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Clark, second by Foster to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of October 20, 2021 minutes:** Motion by Clark, second by Foster to adopt the July 21, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.
- **Election of Officers:** Chairperson Gahring proposed new slate; second by Foster. Approved unanimously.
  1. Chair: Tracey Mulcahey
  2. Vice-Chairperson: Meghann Foster
  3. Secretary/Treasurer: Kasey Hutchinson

**Meeting was turned over to Vice-Chair Foster at this point.**

- Renewal/extension of Director terms that have or are expiring:

<u>Director/Board Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
✓ John Gahring	Iowa County	2025
✓ Kasey Hutchinson	Johnson County	2025
✓ Al Havens	Tiffin	2024
✓ Jody Bailey	Johnson Co. SWCD	2025
✓ Stewart Maas	Iowa Co. SWCD	2024

**Practice Implementation Process:**

- Rathbun provided update on construction progress:
  - Bid Packages 4, 5 & 6 will begin later this winter or spring.
  - Bid Package 7 is in the final stages of bid package compilation and will be advertised as soon as possible. Rathbun presented the projects that may be included in this final bid package.
- Rathbun provided an update of the financial balance, currently the construction balance is at \$363,879.19. After all Bid Packages are completed the balance will be approximately \$131,907.89. That amount will be spent down via engineering costs and construction overages. (See report at the end of this document for details.)

**Clear Creek Preliminary Findings of Board Survey - Valerie Decker - UI Center for Evaluation and Assessment:**

- Decker reviewed the preliminary results of a survey of Iowa Watershed Approach, Watershed Authority Board members. The purpose was to find perspectives of the IWA and the work of the

WMA's. For all WMA's the response rate was 25%, for Clear Creek it was 45% (4 or 5 of 11 invited to participate).

- CCWC was largely satisfied with accomplishments, collaborations, and practices
- CCWC identified the following successes: implementing projects, watershed plan, public attention/outreach, and impacts on water quality and quantity
- All challenges identified by CCWC were mentioned by individual respondents
  - Securing funding, Board engagement in decision making, COVID-19, Learning curve
- Most frequency CCWC reported learning about practices, water resources information, and connections to downstream community partners

**Announcements & Events:**

- Iowa Water Conference has been postponed to September 28 & 29, in Dubuque, Iowa.

**Next CCWC Board meeting:**

CCWC quarterly Board meeting schedule is third the Wednesday in Jan, Apr, July, & Oct at 5:00 pm.

- April 20, 2022, 5:00 pm @ Coralville City Council Chambers

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm

Clear Creek Watershed Project Coordinator Report, for January 19, 2022

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Since our last Board meeting:

- Projects:
  - Bid Packages #4 & #5 will begin construction later this winter or early spring.
  - Bid Package #6 (Coralville) pre-construction meeting was January 14.
  - Bid Package #7 (Johnson County) is in process of scheduling and determining which projects can be funded due to the last three bid packages being over the initial cost estimates. Looking into the Iowa Infrastructure Fund for one of the projects.
  - Working on seeding quote for Sippy project.
  - 34 Practices installed to date, treating 959 acres, temporarily holding back 45.35 acre feet of storm water:
    - 11 Ponds, 3 Grade Stabilizations (1 Dry Pond, 2 Rock Chutes), 10 Water & Sediment Control Basins, 1 Wetland, 9 Grassed Waterways
- Administrative:
  - Iowa Watershed Approach Financials to date:

	Grant Share	Engineering as of Dec. 22, 2021	Archaeology as of Dec. 22, 2021	Construction Costs w/ Change Orders	Cost Share (add)	Balance
Actual	\$2,980,781.00	\$857,155.93	\$60,041.00			\$1,983,584.07
		\$80,000.00	Additional Admin.			
Actual	Bid Package #1		Bid + Change Orders	\$382,004.99	\$36,283.10	\$1,637,862.18

Actual	Bid Package #2	Final	Bid + Change Orders + Overages	\$297,044.72	\$28,012.15	\$1,368,829.61
Actual	Bid Package #3		Bid + Change Orders	\$217,504.36	\$21,317.51	\$1,172,642.76
Actual	Bid Package #4		Bid	\$226,046.00	\$12,910.30	\$959,507.06
Actual	Bid Package #5		Bid	\$209,975.50	\$9,118.15	\$758,649.71
Actual	Bid Package #6		Bid	\$399,799.00	\$5,028.48	\$363,879.19
Estimate	Bid Package #7		Estimated, Updated 1-11-22	\$252,000.00	\$20,028.70	\$131,907.89

- Administrative part 2:
  - Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant
    - We have received \$23,272.25 of the \$53,391.25 local match for our first year of operation, Natural Resources Conservation Services monies are reimbursed as we incur, our first report is due in April 2022.
    - We have not spent any funds to date.

Ahead: Continue bidding and construction, water sampling and begin IPC work as time allows.