

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
5:00 pm, October 17, 2018
North Liberty City Hall, Council Chambers

Board Members Present: Coralville – **Amy Foster**; Iowa County – **John Gahring**; Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District – **Jody Bailey**; Iowa City – **Ben Clark**; North Liberty – **Tom Palmer**; Johnson County – **Kasey Hutchinson**

Others Present: Valerie Decker – UI CEA; Mary Beth Stevenson – IDNR; Jessica Turba – HSEMD; Antonio Arenas– Iowa Flood Center/IIHR; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencil – ECICOG; Mike Wolfe – City of North Liberty

Call to order and introductions: Vice Chairperson Gahring called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Clark; second by Foster to approve the October 17, 2018 agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of minutes:** Motion by Bailey; second by Clark to approve the July 18, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Stream Corridor & Floodplain Restoration Planning (I-80/I-380 interchange to the Iowa River) – HR Green has been contracted to do this work and is in process of data collection. The resulting planning will be included in the Watershed Management Plan.
- Goal Setting - public meetings
 - August 29th – Watershed Hydrology & Resiliency – 37 attendees were asked to provide input about flooding and its impact on Rural, Urban, and Socially Vulnerable Populations. Some common themes included raising awareness about flooding and the disproportionate impacts to some groups and using stories and peer to peer interaction to encourage change.
 - September 19th – Water Quality & Public Perception – 27 attendees ranked conservation practices to improve water quality in the Clear Creek watershed.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun presented to the Board the current group of Applications for Assistance from landowners. **Applications for Assistance:** Downes, Chris; Grabin, Joel; Schmidt, Stan; Tandy, James. Motion to approve Applications for Assistance by Bailey, second by Hutchinson. Motion carried.
- Letters of support:
 - DNR Clean Water Awareness & Education Campaign – “Raising the Urban Soil Health IQ in the Lower Iowa River Watershed” – Cities of Coralville, Iowa City & North Liberty.
 - EPA Gulf of Mexico Program – “Connecting Rural and Peri-urban Farmers to Demonstrate and Disseminate Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Practices” – University of Iowa.Motion to approve Letters of Support retroactively by Bailey, second by Palmer. Motion carried.
- Archaeological Services contract is being negotiated with the Office of the State Archaeologist, expect this to conclude soon.
- Cost Share is now 90/10, announcement post cards went out 10-9-18.

Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) Partner Updates:

- Iowa Flood Center/IIHR: Antonio Arenas
 - Summarized the Hydrologic Report and answered questions from the Board.
- Iowa Flood Center/Resilience Team: Valerie Decker
 - Discussed the results of the survey from our last Board meeting (July 18th, 2018).

Announcements & Events:

- Iowa Watershed Approach Team Meeting – December 12th, Des Moines, Iowa
- Planning/Listening Session – January 16^h, 2018, Coralville City Hall, 6:00 pm

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- January 16, 2019 at Coralville City Hall

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm