

**Clear Creek Watershed Coalition**  
**Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting**  
5:00 pm, April 21, 2021  
Video-conference – Due to COVID-19

**Board Members by video:** Iowa Co. – **John Gahring**; Coralville – **John Lundell**; Johnson County – **Kasey Hutchinson**; Iowa City – **Ben Clark**; Johnson County SWCD – **Jody Bailey**; Iowa County SWCD – **Stewart Maas**.

**Others by phone:** Hacer – UI CEA; Colleen Kinney – HSEMD; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencil – ECICOG; Amy Foster – City of Coralville; Jeff Geerts – IEDA; Kate Gianinni – IFC; Hilary Pierce – ISU Extension & Education; Kristina TeBockhorst – ISU Ag. Engineer.

**Call to order and introductions:** Chairperson Gahring called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

**Administrative:**

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Bailey; second by Maas to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of January 21, 2020 minutes, with adjournment time correction:** Motion by Lundell; second by Bailey to adopt the January 21, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**Practice Implementation Process:**

- Rathbun provided update on construction progress, one practice left to complete in Bid Package 1, it's expected to be completed this summer. The other 14 practices in BP 1 & 2 are substantially complete. Construction began last week on BP 3.
- Bid Packages #4, 5, 6 & 7 are currently under environmental review.
- Rathbun provided an update of the financial balance, currently the construction balance is at \$1.5 million. After all Bid Packages the will be approximately \$588,000. That amount will be spent down via engineering and construction overages. See report at the end of this document for details.

**Partner Updates:**

- No partner updates.

**Announcements & Events:**

The Okoboji Blue Water Festival scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> and will feature water management and water quality exhibitors and speakers. The headliner will be Bobby Kennedy Jr. along with concerts. Free. More info: <https://www.okobojibluewaterfestival.com/>

Mayor Lundell asked if we could do some field visits if people feel comfortable. John Rathbun said he would send out a poll with some possible dates.

Jennifer Fencil suggested people view the Iowa Learning Farms virtual field day video. Hilary Pierce shared a link to the Iowa Learning Farms virtual field day recording: [https://youtu.be/VY124x5C\\_aA](https://youtu.be/VY124x5C_aA)

**Next CCWC Board meeting:**

CCWC quarterly Board meeting schedule is third the Wednesday in Jan, Apr, July, & Oct at 5:30 pm.

- July 21, 2021, 5:30 pm @ Coralville City Council Chambers with a Zoom option

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm

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Since our last Board meeting:

- Projects:
  - Bid Package #1 & 2, work is substantially completed on fourteen of fifteen practices.
  - Bid Package #3, Construction has begun.
  - Bid Package #4, 5, 6 & 7 are all in the environmental review process.
- Outreach:
  - Iowa Learning Farms virtual field day – March 4<sup>th</sup>, was well attended.
  - Latest newsletter went out, the week of March 8th.
  - Article published in Wallace Farmer on March 30th authored by H. Pierce of ISU Ext. Outreach & Education. The article was a follow up on an article in 2018.
  - Awarded the IAWA Watershed Circle of Excellence for second year.
  - Senator Ernst visited Iowa County in the Clear Creek Watershed at Maas Family Farms.
- Administrative:
  - We have an extension on the current grant until the end of June 2022.
  - Submitted grant pre-proposal for National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/NRCS/General Mills on 4-6-21. Will know if we're chosen for a full proposal late this month. Thank you all for supporting the application with a cash match totaling \$155,978.00. We applied via Conservation Districts of Iowa.
  - Working on applying for the upcoming Iowa Partners for Conservation, which is due May 10th and we plan on applying via CDI again.
  - Financials to date:

|          | Grant Share    | Engineering as of Apr.9th, 2021 | Archaeology as of Apr.9th, 2021 | Construction Costs w/ Change Orders | Cost Share (add) | Balance        |
|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Actual   | \$2,980,781.00 | \$642,124.04                    | \$55,137.00                     |                                     |                  | \$2,283,519.96 |
| Actual   | Bid Package #1 |                                 | Bid + Change Orders             | \$371,010.74                        | \$36,283.10      | \$1,948,792.32 |
| Actual   | Bid Package #2 |                                 | Bid + Change Orders             | \$292,644.77                        | \$28,012.15      | \$1,684,159.70 |
| Actual   | Bid Package #3 |                                 | Bid                             | \$197,920.35                        | \$24,600.29      | \$1,510,839.64 |
| Estimate | Bid Package #4 |                                 | Estimated                       | \$247,000.00                        | \$20,640.00      | \$1,284,479.64 |
| Estimate | Bid Package #5 |                                 | Estimated                       | \$106,500.00                        | \$9,118.15       | \$1,187,097.79 |
| Estimate | Bid Package #6 |                                 | Estimated                       | \$477,000.00                        | \$17,601.30      | \$727,699.09   |
| Estimate | Bid Package #7 |                                 | Estimated                       | \$225,000.00                        | \$20,028.70      | \$587,959.48   |

Ahead

- Continue bidding, construction, and grant writing.