

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
5:00 pm, July 21, 2021

Board Members by video: Iowa Co. – **John Gahring**; Coralville – **John Lundell**; Johnson County – **Kasey Hutchinson (by phone)**; Iowa City – **Ben Clark**; North Liberty – **Tracey Mulcahey**; Iowa County SWCD – **Stewart Maas (by phone)**.

Others by phone: Valerie Decker – UI CEA; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Amy Foster – City of Coralville; Kate Gianinni – IFC; Kate Hansen – Center for Rural Affairs.

Call to order and introductions: Chairperson Gahring called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Lundell; second by Mulcahey to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of April 21, 2021 minutes:** Motion by Lundell; second by Clark to adopt the April 21, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun provided update on construction progress, all practices (34) are substantially complete for Bid Packages 1-3.
- Bid Packages 4 & 5 are in the final stages of environmental review, hope to have the bids out in the next several weeks. Rathbun gave an overview presentation of the practices in Bid Packages 4 & 5. Bid Packages 6 & 7 are currently under environmental review.
- Rathbun provided an update of the financial balance, currently the construction balance is at \$1.45 million. After all Bid Packages are completed the balance will be approximately \$525,700. That amount will be spent down via engineering and construction overages. See report at the end of this document for details.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Fencel asked; How many paper copies of the Watershed Management Plan should she have printed? The response was most would prefer the digital copy, a couple of people asked for a hard copy. Fencel said she would have 10-20 copies printed.
- Fencel announced that we have a project extension through June of 2022.

Partner Updates:

- University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment. Valerie Decker announced an upcoming survey and asked that folks take time to respond. The CEA will be writing their final report next year.
- Iowa Flood Center. Kate Gianinni reported that signs are ready for installation, we have 4 signs, 2 with Coralville's logo. Kate said that English River is including the installation in their bid packages. Kate also reported that the Iowa Watershed Approach is working on a closing video, they will be filming during the tour tomorrow.

Announcements & Events:

The Okoboji Blue Water Festival scheduled for August 7th. Free. More info:
<https://www.okobojibluewaterfestival.com/>

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- October 20, 2021, 5:00 pm @ Coralville City Council Chambers

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Clear Creek Watershed Project Coordinator Report, for July 21st, 2021

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Since our last Board meeting:

- **Projects:**
 - Bid Package #1, 2 & 3, work is substantially completed on thirty-four practices, four practices have been closed out. These are treating approximately nine hundred fifty-nine acres (959 ac.) of drainage in the Clear Creek Watershed.
 - Bid Package #4 & 5 sixteen (16) more practices, are in the final stages of environmental review.
 - Bid Package #6 & 7 nine (9) more practices, are in the environmental review process.
- **Outreach:**
 - Participated in a podcast with ISU Extension & Outreach called “Engineering Your Farm” with Dr. Larry Weber and Jamie Benning, it was released in early July. [Click here to listen](#) (takes you to the website).
 - Practice tour tomorrow at 1:00 pm!
- **Administrative:**
 - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/NRCS/General Mills grant – We were not chosen as a finalist.
 - Should hear in the next few weeks about the Iowa Partners for Conservation grant proposal. We were contacted by NRCS about adjusting Conservation Planning numbers and fleshing out some descriptions of deliverables. They do not yet know if the funding is available.
 - Financials to date:

	Grant Share	Engineering as of June 23rd, 2021	Archaeology as of June 23rd, 2021	Construction Costs w/ Change Orders	Cost Share (add)	Balance
Actual	\$2,980,781.00	\$677,688.10	\$60,041.00			\$2,243,051.90
Actual	Bid Package #1		Bid + Change Orders	\$380,110.74	\$36,283.10	\$1,899,224.26
Actual	Bid Package #2		Bid + Change Orders	\$292,644.97	\$28,012.15	\$1,634,591.44
Actual	Bid Package #3		Bid + Change Orders	\$200,679.76	\$24,600.29	\$1,458,511.97
Estimate	Bid Package #4		Estimated	\$191,700.00	\$20,640.00	\$1,287,451.97
Estimate	Bid Package #5		Estimated	\$106,500.00	\$9,118.15	\$1,190,070.12

Estimate	Bid Package #6		Estimated	\$477,000.00	\$17,601.30	\$730,671.42
Estimate	Bid Package #7		Estimated	\$225,000.00	\$20,028.70	\$525,700.12

Ahead

- Continue bidding, construction, and grant writing.