

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
2:30 pm, July 15, 2020
Teleconference – Due to COVID-19

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

Others by phone: Reuben Vyn & Rachel Maller – UI CEA; Colleen Kinney – HSEMD; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Dan Holderness, Amy Foster & Dave Kabel – City of Coralville; Hilary Pierce – ISU Extension & Outreach; Jeff Geerts – Iowa Economic Development Authority; Aaron Gwinnup – EOR; David De La Torre – ASTIG; Josh Balk – IDNR; Chad Arp – City of Iowa City.

Call to order and introductions: Chairperson Lundell called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Approved unanimously.
- **Approval of January 15, 2020 minutes:** Motion by Mulcahey; second by Maas to adopt the April 15, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Fencel gave a brief update on Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process. Fencel anticipates sharing a revised version by July 31st, and take August for broader comments. Final plan should be ready at the end of August, and then would need to get approved and adopted by jurisdictions.
- Fencel presented proposed activities and draft annual estimated work plan by four categories: Administration Education and Outreach, Plan Implementation, coordinate water monitoring and analysis, for \$128,960 Total cost to the Coalition. The Board discussed the current economic climate and would like to discuss with their entities further.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun gave updates on project implementation progress Bid package #1 earthwork going on. Six structures completed.
- Rathbun reviewed Bid package #2 results, opened June 19, 11 contractors bid on two divisions of work, 1 had two ponds, 1 had three ponds and a WASCOD. One contractor was from Johnson County, the other from Delaware County. It came in \$22k lower than estimated.
- Rathbun provided to the Board a written update of activities since last meeting including financial status, to date Clear Creek balance is about \$2.5 million. After construction with Bid Package 1 & 2 combined, Clear Creek should be at about \$1.9 million. See report at the end of this document for details.

Partner Updates:

- David De La Torre, ASTIG Planning. De La Torre gave an update on the plan. They have completed the exploratory phase. Had a video workshop last week with storytelling circles, interactive mapping, raffle, and guest speakers. Due to COVID-19, their outreach is relying on phone calls and postcards to reach out, gathering stories through September. Launching survey soon. Next workshop July 23rd. Full presentation is on the Clear Creek Watershed Coalition website under Board & Meetings then Presenttions.

Announcements & Events:

- 75th Soil and Water Conversation Society (SWCS) International Annual Conference, July 26-29, Virtual.
- Iowa League of Cities 2020 Annual Conference, Sept. 16-18, Virtual.

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- October 21, 2020 at Coralville City Hall

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

Clear Creek Watershed Project Coordinator Report, for July 15th, 2020
Clear Creek Watershed Coalition

Since our last Board meeting:

- Projects:
 - Bid Package #1, earth work has begun. Five practices are nearly complete.
 - Second Bid Package was advertised, and bids opened on June 19th. There were eleven contractors that submitted bids, two contractors were low bidders. One from Johnson County, one from Delaware County. Bids were approximately \$22,000 lower than estimated.
 - The third bid package is in the works and will be ready later this summer.
- Outreach:
 - Working on possible Field day with the Tallgrass Prairie Center.
 - Working on Cover Crop Field day with Cover Crop Champion money through Conservation Districts of Iowa.
 - Working on next newsletter.
- Administrative:
 - Working with Jennifer Fencil (ECICOG) on portions of the Watershed Management Plan.
 - Financials to date:

	Grant Share	Engineering as of July, 6th	Archaeology as of July, 6th	Construction	Cost Share (add)	Balance
Actual	\$2,980,781.00	\$479,712.05	\$40,813.00	\$0.00	\$64,295.25	\$2,524,551.20
Actual	Bid Package #1		Bid	\$362,733.50	\$36,283.10	\$2,161,817.70
Actual	Bid Package #2		Bid	\$287,580.65	\$28,012.15	\$1,902,249.20

Ahead: Continue bidding and construction. Possible field days, newsletter.

End of Coordinator report.