

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
2:30 pm, October 21, 2020
Video-conference – Due to COVID-19

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

Others by phone: Valerie Decker & Hacer – UI CEA; Colleen Kinney – HSEMD; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Dan Holderness, Amy Foster – City of Coralville; Jeff Geerts – IEDA; Kate Gianinni – IFC; Aaron Gwinnup – EOR; David De La Torre – ASTIG; Allen Bonini, Kyle Ament & Josh Balk – IDNR; Chad Arp – City of Iowa City; Matt McAndrew – Citizen; Reid Stamer; Mindy Bryngelson – Clapsaddle-Garber Associates; Maria Urice – TPC.

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

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Approved, submitted.
- **Approval of July 15, 2020 minutes:** Motion by Hutchinson; second by Mulcahey to adopt the July 15, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Fencel described the completed Clear Creek Watershed Plan and gave an overview of Plan adoption. Fencel also presented an overview of the main sections that spell out what will help improve the areas of concern that were brought out during the outreach events. Getting to these targets will lessen flood risk as well as improve water quality, reduce sediment loads in priority locations, and address habitat & recreation goals identified in the Plan.
- Fencel presented a draft annual work plan organized by four categories: Administration Education and Outreach, Plan Implementation, and Monitoring and Analysis, for a total cost of \$128,960 to the Coalition. Fencel updated this with a proposed funding option to include 50% grant funding and 50% member funding. The Board discussed the current economic climate and would like to discuss with their entities further.
- **Adoption of Clear Creek Watershed Management Plan:** Motion by Gahring; second by Bailey to adopt the Clear Creek Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun gave updates on project implementation progress Bid packages #1 & 2. Earthwork is completed on 12 of 14 practices.
- Rathbun reviewed probable Bid package #3 practices.
- Reviewed INV #5 practices that are currently under environmental review.
- Rathbun provided an update of activities since last meeting including the financial balance of about \$1.8 million. With Bid Package 3, Clear Creek should be at about \$1.6 million. See report at the end of this document for details.

Partner Updates:

- No partner updates.

Announcements & Events:

- Leadership for Midwest Watersheds – Virtual Conference, November 17 & 18 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm each day, \$40 registration. More info can be found at <https://sandcountyfoundation.org/our-work/soil-and-water-conservation/leadership-for-midwestern-watersheds>
- Kate Gianinni. announced Oct. 1st was the first day of Year 5 of the Iowa Watershed Approach project. Congratulate everyone involved! In 2019, IIHR’s Craig Just was awarded a \$1.1 million U.S. EPA grant <https://www.iihr.uiowa.edu/blog/2019/09/09/just-receives-1-1m-epa-grant-for-water-quality/> Part of that EPA grant will be leveraged with IWA investments to construct BMPs like a prairie in the Clear Creek watershed. CCWC will be featured in IIHR *Currents* article. Will do drone video soon.
- Amy Foster announced the City of Coralville was awarded Stormwater and Urban Watershed Development of the Year Award from the Iowa Stormwater Education Partnership last week. They will be installing bio-retention cells, longest stretch of roadway green infrastructure in Iowa to promote water quality. <https://www.coralville.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2015>

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- January 20, 2020

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm

Clear Creek Watershed Project Coordinator Report, for October 21st, 2020
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Since our last Board meeting:

- Projects:
 - Bid Package #1, earth work has been completed on seven of nine practices.
 - Bid Package #2, earth work has been completed on six of six practices.
 - Bid Package #3, environmental review nearly complete, hoping to bid later this year.
 - Bid Package #4, is in the environmental review process.
 - Bid Package #5, is being prepared for the environmental review process.
- Outreach:
 - Working on a virtual field day with Iowa Learning Farms.
 - Working on next newsletter.
- Administrative:
 - Worked with Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG) on portions of the Watershed Management Plan.
 - Financials to date:

	Grant Share	Engineering as of Oct. 13th, 2020	Archaeology as of Oct. 13th, 2020	Construction Costs w/ Change Orders	Cost Share (add)	Balance
Actual	\$2,980,781.00	\$546,173.55	\$42,604.00		\$88,895.54	\$2,480,898.99
Actual	Bid Package #1		Bid + Change Orders	\$371,010.74	\$36,283.10	\$2,109,888.25
Actual	Bid Package #2		Bid + Change Orders	\$294,067.28	\$28,012.15	\$1,843,833.12
Estimate	Bid Package #3		Estimated	\$274,575.00	\$24,600.29	\$1,593,858.41

Ahead

- Continue bidding and construction.
- Field day, newsletter.