

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
5:00 pm, January 15, 2019
Coralville City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Reuben Vyn – UI CEA; Colleen Kinney – HSEMD; Kate Gianinni – Iowa Flood Center/IIHR; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Aaron Gwinnup – EOR-Iowa; David De La Torre & Christina Murir – Astig Planning; Amy Foster – City of Coralville; Mike Wolfe – City of North Liberty; Emily Martin – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; Maria Urice – Tallgrass Prairie Center; Ryleigh Mulcahey – Citizen; Carol Teator – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

Call to order and introductions: Chairperson Lundell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Gahring; second by Mulcahey to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of October 16, 2019 minutes:** Motion by Bailey; second by Gahring to adopt the October 16, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Fencel presented that the Watershed Management Plan is very near completion.
- Fencel discussed funding strategies that other Watershed Management Authorities in Iowa are using or have used to fund their WMA and Coordinators. She the formula Indian Creek used for funding. The Board asked for more information and possible numbers and deliverables that each entity could expect for their dollars.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun reviewed the practices in “Bid Package #3” that have passed the Tier II environmental review, showed approximate locations and gave a brief overview of each practice.
- **Bid Package 3:** Motion to approve by Gahring, second by Maas. Motion carried.
- Rathbun discussed the upcoming request for reallocating funds through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. We have tremendous interest and can utilize more grant funds. Request is due at the end of January. Rathbun will be presenting to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday January 22nd.
- Rathbun provided to the Board a written update of activities since last meeting including financial status, see attached report.
- Rathbun presented to the Board the current Application for Assistance from one landowner. Application for Assistance: Welsh, Robert.
- **Application for Assistance:** Motion to approve by Gahring, second by Maas. Motion carried.

Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) Partner Updates:

Emily Martin of Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation presented on the Climate Resilient Prediction Tool using The Nature Conservancy Mapping Tool. This tool can be used by anyone and can be found at <http://maps.tnc.org/resilientland/>. Emily’s presentation will be available on the Clear Creek Watershed website.

Announcements & Events:

- Iowa Water Conference, April 8 & 9, Ames Iowa
- 75th Soil and Water Conservation Society International Conference July 26 – 29 in Des Moines
- The Big Splash – IIHR 100-year Anniversary Celebration August 13 – 19 in Iowa City
- Eighth International Conference on Flood Management August 17 – 19 in Iowa City

- Iowa League of Cities 2020 Annual Conference & Exhibit September 16-18 in Coralville Okoboji Blue Water Festival August 8 in Iowa's Great Lakes

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- April 15, 2020 at Coralville City Hall

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm

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

Since our last Board meeting:

- Projects:
 - First, second & third Bid Packages have passed Tier II site specific reviews. Will be gathering cost share payments and signed agreements soon.
 - Appraiser has been contracted (Farmers National Company).
- Outreach:
 - Sent an update letter to 31 landowners who have one or more practices they are interested in having funded. To verify interest, I included a "letter of intent" for each landowner to sign and return.
- Administrative:
 - Working on Reallocation of Funds Request form/report for Iowa Economic Development Authority, this is due on Johnson County letterhead January 31st.
 - Working with Jennifer Fencil (ECICOG) on portions of the Watershed Management Plan.
 - Financials to date:

	Grant Share	Engineering	Archaeology	Construction	Cost Share (add)	Balance
Actual	\$2,980,781.00	\$310,215.82	\$30,848.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,639,717.18
				Estimated		
Projected	Bid Package #1			\$148,000.00	\$13,820.50	\$2,505,537.68
Projected	Bid Package #2			\$291,538.00	\$26,200.35	\$2,240,200.03
Projected	Bid Package #3		Preliminary	\$294,000.00	\$27,121.00	\$1,973,321.03

Ahead

- Finalize request for additional funding report.
- Bidding and construction.

End of Coordinator report.