



Clear Creek Watershed Coalition (CCWC)
Board of Directors Meeting – **MINUTES**

Meeting: 5:00 pm, January 17, 2024

Location: Coralville City Hall, Council Chambers

Address: 1512 7th Street, Coralville

I. **Call to Order & Introductions:** Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Board Members: Tracey Mulcahey – North Liberty; Stewart Maas – Iowa County SWCD; Kasey Hutchinson – Johnson County; Meghann Foster – Coralville; Chad Arp – Iowa City; Al Schumacher – Iowa County

Others: Larry Wilson – CCWEB; Amy Foster – Coralville; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Jody Bailey – ECICOG

II. Administrative Update

- Approval of Agenda: Motion by Maas, second by Hutchinson to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- Board minutes from January 18, 2023: Motion by Hutchinson, second by Maas to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- Board Member Terms: Fencel reviewed the Board sheet to update as needed. Petersen was removed as representative for the JCSWCD, and Mike Wolfe was added to North Liberty's alternates.
- Elections of Officers: None
- Financial Report: Fencel provided budget updates for FY24 and FY25

III. Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant Update

Fencel led a discussion regarding the match contributions from WMA members towards the Iowa Partners for Conservation Grant, a project in which expenditures occurred briefly before the project was cancelled. Fencel asked the board to consider whether they wanted ECICOG to hold matching funds for future administration and match dollar needs or return them to the organizations that contributed them. Fencel reviewed a few invoices that were submitted during the grant program's brief launch. The board also discussed FY25 partner contributions and opted to postpone that discussion until a later meeting date.

The board approved payment of invoices for the cancelled IPC Grant, with exception of an invoice submitted for CDI administration fees. The board approved ECICOG holding remaining IPC matching funds for “keeping the lights on” at the WMA and future grant matching funds. Motion by Maas, second by Hutchinson. Motion passed.

IV. Letter of Support for USDA NIFA project on precision agriculture sensor-based field studies

Fencl informed the board that Iowa Flood Center had requested a time-sensitive letter of support from CCWC for a proposal submitted in Fall 2023 for an ag-sensor network, and that she submitted one on behalf of the WMA.

V. Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) Closeout

Fencl provided a brief overview of the now closed-out Iowa Watershed Approach project deliverables, and asked the Board if they would like Iowa Flood Center to share the results of their modeling research with them. The Board discussed and indicated they may, but at a later date.

VI. RCPP grant application idea

Fencl floated ideas for a possible RCPP proposal and inquired about the board’s interest in having ECICOG submit a proposal on behalf of CCWC if and when the RFP is released. The board asked Fencl to keep them posted on developments and when the RFP is released.

VII. Announcements & Events

The annual Iowa Water Conference will be in Coralville in September 2024.

VIII. Public Comments

None

IX. Next Meeting – 5:00 pm, April 17, 2024, at Coralville City Hall

X. Adjourn

Motion by Maas, second by Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM.