

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting
5:00 pm, July 17, 2019
Coralville City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Reuben Vyn – UI CEA; Tom Oswald – HSEMD; Craig Just & Kate Gianinni – Iowa Flood Center/IIHR; John Rathbun – CCWC Watershed Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG; Amy Foster – City of Coralville; Aaron Guinnup – HR Green Inc.; Mary Beth Stevenson – Iowa DNR; Mike Wolfe – City of North Liberty; Jancoba Dorley – University of New Mexico; Joel Singley – University of Colorado; Karin Emanuelson – Colorado State University; Maria Urice – Tallgrass Prairie Center.

Call to order and introductions: Chairperson Lundell called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Administrative:

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Mulcahey; second by Havens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of April 17, 2019 minutes:** Motion by Mulcahey; second by Maas to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process Update:

- Fencel would like to postpone this review until after a meeting with the Technical Team to discuss the Draft Goals & Objectives. Lundell mentioned that the draft will be made available via the website.

Practice Implementation Process:

- Rathbun presented to the Board the update of activities for 2018, see attached report.
- Review Bid packages #1 & #2. Rathbun reviewed the approximate locations and site overviews (see attached list).
- **Bid Packages 1 & 2:** Motion to approve by Bailey, second by Maas. Motion carried.
- Rathbun presented to the Board the current group of Applications for Assistance from landowners. Applications for Assistance: Rustand, Brian; Eister, Sharon; Rath, Bob; Rath, Preston; Boyle, Matt; Jiras, Larry; Rarick, Clint; Weber, Fernando; Stramaglia, Joe; City of Coralville (two).
- **Applications for Assistance:** Motion to approve by Havens, second by Maas. Motion carried.

Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) Partner Updates:

- Just presented that the Iowa Flood Center has awarded planning and consulting services for the Coralville Flood Resilience Action Plan to ASTIG Planning of Iowa City, Iowa.
- Just announced that with the help of many partners in the room that IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering has been awarded an EPA Gulf of Mexico Program grant. This grant aims to improve water quality in the Clear Creek and Willow Creek watersheds by working with landowners to install nutrient reduction practices such as oxbows, wetlands, bioreactors, and saturated buffers. These practices will be used as demonstration sites to educate and encourage others to install nutrient reduction practices.
 - The grant includes \$350,000 for best management practice (BMP) Installation, including: 1) a restored oxbow along Clear Creek on land owned by the Johnson County Conservation Board; 2) a possible wetland/pond at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm; and 3) a possible bioreactor and/or saturated buffer site in the Clear Creek Watershed. Nutrient monitoring will also take place at these locations.
- Karin Emanuelson represented a group of PhD students who are working in collaboration from four universities: Colorado State University, University of Colorado, University of New Mexico and Colorado School of Mines. Emanuelson presented on the study they are conducting in the headwaters of Clear Creek to

observe how streams metabolize nutrients and how deep nutrients penetrate the areas under the stream and near the stream.

Announcements & Events:

- Mayor Lundell congratulated Amy Foster family on their new son and welcomes her back to work from leave.
- Clear Creek Watershed Picnic – Bob White Pavilion – F.W. Kent Park, September 21st, 11:30 am.

Next CCWC Board meeting:

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

- October 16, 2019 at Coralville City Hall

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

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