

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition
Board of Directors
5:00 pm, July 20, 2016
Coralville City Hall, West Conference Room

Board Members Present: Coralville – John Lundell; Iowa County – John Gahring; Iowa City – Ben Clark; Oxford – Sara Morlan; Tiffin – Al Havens; Johnson County – Kate Giannini; Johnson SWCD – Jody Bailey

Others Present: Amy Foster, Dan Holderness, Kelly Sewell, Charles Boche – Coralville; Mel Schlachter – Iowa River Friends; Breanna Shea, Ashlee Johannes – Iowa Flood Center; Julie Kearney – U of I Center for Evaluation and Assessment; Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz – HBK; Mary Beth Stevenson – Iowa DNR; Jennifer Fencil - ECICOG

Call to order and introductions: Chairperson Lundell called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Administrative Update:

- Approval of June 15, 2016 minutes: Motion by Giannini; second by Havens to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- Board member sheet distributed and corrections noted.
- DNR grant financials – the quarterly report and claim submitted.
- Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) – Johnson County releasing CDBG admin RFP released soon

Clear Creek Watershed Planning Process:

- Water quality monitoring plan distributed and discussed.
- Geo-locate stormwater infrastructure proceeding in Coralville and need to train MPO interns to work in North Liberty and Tiffin.
- RASCAL Assessment: this work will take place in the Fall (October – November). The urban will be completed by U of I students under Art Bettis' direction and the rural areas will be done by AmeriCorps.
- AmeriCorps positions at ECICOG: received work that ECICOG will have 2 full time positions for 10 months starting in October.
- Social Assessment: need to work on the survey questions and the RFP document with the Tech Team.

Introducing the CCWC:

- Logo Design Services: Fencil submitted the logo design questionnaire and the first drafts are anticipated by August 15th. Discussed the process of reviewing logos and developed a committee for that work.
- Website & Social Media: continue to work on the website and upgrading to www.clearcreekwatershedcoalition.org.

Announcements:

- Shea with the Flood Center reported that the IWA project will have an Advisory Board that meets quarterly. The CCWC Board appointed Clark and Fencil attend on their behalf. The first meeting is October 6th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.
- Giannini reported:
 - Has seen an increase in the number of ag landowners coming into both the Johnson County SWCD and the Iowa County SWCD after the IWA Kick-off meetings.
 - There is an upcoming Women, Land & Legacy event September 13th at Kent Park.
 - North Liberty has a \$1.4 million SRF Sponsored Project approved to complete permeable paving, soil quality restoration campaign, and bio-swales in a park.
- Foster reported on Coralville's \$2.7 million SRF Sponsored Project (largest in the state) for soil quality restoration.
- Schlachter reported that the Iowa River Friends have completed their annual State of the Iowa River Summary.

Next CCWC Board meeting: The regular CCWC Board schedule is the third Wednesday of the first month of each quarter at 5:00 pm at Coralville City Hall. Upcoming meetings include:

- October 19th at Coralville City Hall
- January 18th at Coralville City Hall
- April 19th at Coralville City Hall

Adjourn: Motion by Gahring, second by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. Motion carried.