

Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority

Quarterly Board Meeting

To: Cities, Counties, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and other stakeholders in the Middle Iowa Watershed

From: Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority

Subject: Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority Quarterly Meeting January 9th, 2025

OVERVIEW: In 2010, Iowa lawmakers passed legislation authorizing the creation of Watershed Management Authorities (Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 466B Subchapter II). A Watershed Management Authority (WMA) is a mechanism for cities, counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and stakeholders to cooperatively engage in planning and management at the watershed scale. A WMA was formed for the Middle Iowa Watershed, and is comprised of member organizations located in Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Marshall, Poweshiek, and Tama counties.

MEETING AGENDA ATTACHED

For questions or inquiries, please contact Mike Wolfe (Stormwater Coordinator/MIWMA Board Chair, City of North Liberty) at 319-626-5713 or by email at mwolfe@northlibertyiowa.org, or Kasey Hutchinson (Environmental Regulations Coordinator, Johnson County Planning, Development and Sustainability) at 319-356-6083 or by email at khutchinson@johnsoncountyiowa.gov.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: The quarterly board meeting of the Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority has been scheduled for Thursday, January 9th at 1 PM at the City of Tama City Hall (305 Siegel Street, Tama, Iowa.) Cities, Counties, SWCDs and other watershed stakeholders are encouraged to attend and learn how they can collaborate with this important organization.

MEETING AGENDA: The complete meeting agenda follows. Please post the agenda in a public location and share the invitation widely with staff, elected officials, and other interested stakeholders.

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Meeting: Thursday, January 9th • 1 PM – 3 PM

Location: City of Tama City Hall – Large Meeting Room

Address: 305 Siegel Street, Tama, Iowa 52339

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes
3. Carissa Shoemaker, The Nature Conservancy – presentation on TNC’s priorities, programs, and resources
4. IDNR Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Grant Updates
 - a. Draft Chapters and Watershed Prioritization (HEI)
 - b. Outreach and Education Committee Planning Update
 - i. Heartland Co-Op: A Very Cover Crop Christmas (Kasey Hutchinson), November 2024
 - ii. Tama SWCD Soil Health Event (Melody Bro), February 25, 2025
 - iii. Other Potential Events - Discussion
 1. Heartland Co-Op Recruitment Dinners (Kasey Hutchinson)
 2. Practical Farmers of Iowa (Cynthia Farmer)
 3. Iowa Learning Farms (Melody Bro)
 4. Urban Topics
 - c. Middle Iowa WMA Logo Design Contest (Kasey Hutchinson)
 - i. Includes schools across Benton, Iowa, Linn, Johnson, Marshall, Poweshiek, and Tama counties
 - ii. Deadline of January 24, winner announced February 3
 - iii. Judging panel – OEC and the executive board
 - d. WMA Story Map Discussion (HEI)
5. Other Business
 - a. WMA members update
6. Public Comments
7. Schedule April Meeting (tentatively April 3rd, 1:00)
 - a. Location selection

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