

April 4th MIWMA BOARD MEETING – MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. IDNR Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Grant Update
 - Tech Advisory Committee overseeing the process (IDNR, IDALS, City of Belle Plaine, U of I, Johnson County, City of North Liberty)
 - February 1 - Request for Proposals published.
 - February 22 - Hosted the RFP pre-bid meeting in North Liberty.
 - Good turnout - 12 different firms or organizations represented.
 - March 14 – due date for proposals
 - Received 4 proposals.
 - Multiple firms teamed up for these proposals.
 - March 22 – Discussion and Ranking
 - Reviewed and ranked proposals.
 - Invited two teams for interviews.
 - April 2 – Interviews
 - Held in North Liberty
 - Teams included:
 - RDG/EOR/Heartland Co-Op
 - HEI/ECICOG
 - Difficult decision – both teams had strong points.
 - April 4 - Tech Team to make recommendation.
 - April 11 – Council Approval
 - May 1 – Contract with consultant developed and initiated.
 - June – Kick-off event
4. Other Business
 - Cynthia Farmer noted that the North & Middle Rivers also went through the RFP process and will be starting the same planning process with ISG and Iowa Soybean Association.
 - Steve Beck had a good discussion with City of Marshalltown. Discussion will continue with them and participation with the WMA.
 - Steve Beck also met with FEMA on behalf of Belle Plaine about direct technical assistance that could be a precursor to getting a BRIC grant.
 - Cynthia Farmer provided a legislative update related to WMAs, specifically related to naming, duties, etc. Three amendments have been suggested. This includes not requiring a name change until update of the 28E agreement.
 - An all-Iowa WMA day will be put together in August or September, likely in Ames. There will be break-out sessions. There will be an RSVP process in place.
5. Public Comments

6. Schedule Next Meeting

First Thursday of July.

7. Adjourn