

Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority
Quarterly Board Meeting
Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Kick-Off

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 Meeting and Comprehensive Watershed Quality Management Planning Kick-Off event for July 11th, 2024

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.

In December of 2023, the MIWMA was awarded a Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The MIWMA retained a consultant to provide planning services for development of this plan. The commencement of the planning process will be marked by this kick-off meeting and is anticipated to be completed by December of 2025.

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 and Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Kick-off Event of the Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority has been scheduled for Thursday, July 11th 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, July 11th • 1 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: City of Tama City Hall – Meeting Room

Address: 305 Siegel Street, Tama, Iowa 52339

MEETING AGENDA

1:00-1:15 Quarterly Board Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. April Meeting Minutes
3. IDNR Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Grant Update
4. Other Business
5. Public Comments
6. Schedule Next Meeting

1:15-3:00 Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Kick-Off***

1. Introductions
2. Background, Purpose, and Need for the Plan
3. HEI-led Outcome-Oriented Discussion
4. Discussion Wrap-Up and Next Steps

*** THIS KICK-OFF EVENT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR PLANNING EFFORT. WE DESIRE AND NEED CANDID AND THOROUGH QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM YOU AND YOUR AGENCY/ORGANIZATION. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD MAKE A LIST OF SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND THOUGHTS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE KICK-OFF. HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT TO HELP YOU PREPARE:

- What are the most stressed resources we should restore?
- What are the most outstanding resources we should protect?
- What will make this plan a success?
- What are you most concerned about as it relates to the final plan and its outcomes?
- How can we make this plan more appealing, engaging, and “better?”
- What can we do in the planning process to help set the stage for a sustainable, committed WMA in the long-haul?

Please post this meeting notice and agenda in a public location.