

Middle Iowa River Watershed Management Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 5th • 10 AM – 11:30 AM
City of Tama City Hall – Meeting Room, 305 Siegel Street, Tama, Iowa 52339

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Mike Wolfe (City of North Liberty), Alan Schumacher (Iowa County), Bill Voss (City of Walford), Jeff Tindle (Poweshiek County), Al Schafbuch (Tama SWCD), Stephen Beck (City of Belle Plaine), Kasey Hutchinson (Johnson County), Lonika Utterback (City of Chelsea)

Others Present: Allison Wells (Johnson County), Jeremiah Manken (Marshall County Conservation), Kyle Ament (Iowa DNR), James Martin (IDALS), Stacie Buhr (NRCS), Charles Ikenberry (HEI), Dave Schechinger (City of Solon and City of Marengo), Mary Beth Stevenson (City of Cedar Rapids), Josh Ventling (ECICOG), Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG), Carl Gonder (Friends of Coralville Lake), Scott Kleppe (City of Solon)

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. MIWMA Formation Update
 - Discuss current member status and refile target date.

To date, the following entities have entered into, or have signed the paperwork to enter into, the 28E agreement filed with the State of Iowa: Poweshiek County, Marshall County, Johnson County, Iowa County, Iowa SWCD, Tama SWCD, Marshall SWCD, North Liberty, Belle Plaine, Solon, Chelsea, Walford.

Jennifer will reach out one more time prior to refiling the 28E agreement to include those who have submitted paperwork since the first filing.

3. MIWMA Bylaws
 - Review the first draft of the MIWMA bylaws.

The draft by-laws were discussed, with special focus on those items that were highlighted during the previous meeting. The by-laws were accepted and voted for approval by the Board.

4. Election of Officers

The following WMA members were elected to the Executive Board positions:

Chair: Mike Wolfe, City of North Liberty
Vice-Chair: Stephen Beck, City of Belle Plaine
Secretary: Jeff Tindle, Poweshiek County
Treasurer: Kasey Hutchinson, Johnson County

5. Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Grant Opportunity
 - Notice of funding released. Applications are due November 30

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The IDNR Comprehensive Water Quality Management Plan grant solicitation was discussed. Applications are due November 30th. The grant requires a cash-match of 5%, of which will be met by the ARPA dollars allocated to the effort by Johnson County. Other members may also be providing cash and in-kind match. Kyle Ament discussed the grant and indicated that the award is higher this year (\$125k vs \$100k) with the intent that this extra funding will be for “added value” that may go beyond a typical plan. A committee was formed to put together the draft application and includes Allison Wells (Johnson County), Kasey Hutchinson (Johnson County), Steve Beck (City of Belle Plaine). In addition, Kyle Ament (IDNR) and James Martin (IDALS) will be available to assist in drafting the application. Mike Wolfe with City of North Liberty will explore the possibility of North Liberty serving as fiscal agent for the grant.

6. Fiscal Agent

7. Public Comments

Kasey Hutchinson (Johnson County) discussed a request from Jackie Armstrong (Upper Cedar WMA) related to the effort they are organizing to promote state funding for full-time watershed coordinators. The specific requests include drafting a letter to send to state legislators and sending a WMA representative to the legislative session on a date to be determined. There was consensus that a letter of support could be provided.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MIWMA Board of Directors meeting is planned for January 4th, 1:00-3:30, City of Tama City Hall.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.