

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
1:30 pm, October 10, 2019  
Coe College, Gage Memorial Union, CJ Lynch Room  
1220 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids

**Board Members Present:** Cedar Rapids – Cara Matteson; Hiawatha – Patrick Parsley; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Marion – Steve Cooper

**Others Present:** Steve Erickson – resident; Martin Smith – resident; John Bruene – USDA-NRCS; Dennis Goemaat – Linn County Conservation; Marty St. Clair – Coe College; Nick Longbucco – The Nature Conservancy; Emery Davis – Soil Health Coordinator; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG

**Call to Order at 1:39 pm**

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved as submitted.

**FY20 Budget to Date Summary:** Fencel distributed the FY20 budget to date table and described how the ICWMA funds are tracked in general and for the match to the Soil Health Partnership. The FY20 budget to date will be a reoccurring item on future agendas.

**Soil Health Partnership Project:** Davis provided his annual grant report and described his accomplishments including:

- Over 1,300 acres of cover crop commitments for fall of 2019. The goal is 5,000 acres over 5 years.
- Locations identified for 5 bioreactor/ saturated buffer sites. The goal is 5 sites over 5 years.
- Cover crop field day August 14, 2019 at the Marion Airport with almost 60 farmers attending.

**Lower Cedar WMA Planning Grant:** Fencel reported that the Lower Cedar WMA was successful in their planning proposal to the DNR and will receive \$100,000 for a watershed plan.

**Indian Creek Watershed Management Plan Update:** Fencel reported that the 20-year watershed plan is due for an update. The Board requested that Fencel provide a proposal to complete a “mini-update” to compile new data and accomplishments at the next meeting.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) accepting Notice of Interest:** Fencel reported that Linn County did not get asked to submit a full application for their Hydrology Study.

**Urban stormwater practices in Creek View Cove:** no update.

**Outreach Activities:**

- Cover Crop Field Day – Davis hosted at the Marion Airport and had 60 participants.
- Linn Landowner Forum – Davis staffed an information booth at this event.
- Marion Creekside Pride – Fencel attended meeting to discuss the plan and possible funding for projects.

**Partner Updates:**

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm November 12<sup>th</sup> in Tipton

**Announcements:**

- Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds November 6-7 in Cedar Rapids
- Cedar River Coalition Fall meeting November 8 in Cedar Falls

**Public Comments:** none.

**Next meeting:** The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, January 8, 2019, location TBD

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourn at 2:45 pm and then toured Coe’s green roof, rain gardens and permeable pavement