

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, July 10, 2019
Linn County Public Service Center, Rooms 1A & 1B
935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Cedar Rapids – Cara Matteson; Robins – Vince Bading; Hiawatha – John Bender; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Linn County - Les Beck

Others Present: Steve Erickson – resident; Robin Kash – resident; Rick Sandstrom – resident; Patrick Parsley – Hiawatha; Mike Kuntz – Cedar Rapids; Dennis Goemaat – Linn County Conservation; Marty St. Clair – Coe College; Karmin McShane – Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency; Mary Beth Stevenson – IDNR; Emery Davis – Soil Health Coordinator; Jennifer Fencl – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:33 pm

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as submitted.

FY19 Budget Summary and FY20 Budget Presentation: The FY19 budget and work plan accomplishments were reviewed. The FY20 budget was presented and line items were discussed. The Lower Cedar WMA requested funding to support a watershed planning grant application, which was included in the version presented. Motion by Frana, second by Bender to add \$1,500 as a onetime payment to the Lower Cedar WMA and approve the FY20 budget as amended. Motion carried.

Water Quality Monitoring Results & Trends: St. Clair presented the results of Coe College’s water monitoring during the 2018 sampling season (May – August). Nitrate concentrations are still high seasonally and higher in the watershed. There were only 2 samples that measured below the state standard for swimmable and chloride was particularly high behind Emil’s Hideaway. The students also noted that the urban stage levels are higher than in past years. A copy of the full report will be posted on the Indian Creek WMA website.

Iowa Partners for Conservation Soil Health Project: Davis reported on his outreach activities including landowner phone calls / interviews, presentations at events and meeting with public landowners. There will be a cover crop field day at the Marion Airport in August. The Solid Waste Agency has committed to projects as part of the Soil Health Partnership.

Indian Creek Strategic Plan review: The Board discussed the GeoTREE modeling work and possible urban WQI projects. The Board also discussed Lindale Mall’s plan to become a Community Center and the possibility of the ICWMA participating in that effort.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) accepting Notice of Interest: Fencl reported that Linn County would be submitting an NOI for a Hydrology Study.

Urban stormwater practices in Creek View Cove: Sandstrom reported that they are working on rain gardens and suggested their neighborhood as a possible BMP tour for residents.

Outreach Activities:

- Ag in the Park – Davis staffed a station for 1,100 kids about soil health
- One Day in May – had bad weather and the LinnMar Senior Service Day also had their creek clean-up put off due to weather

Partner Updates:

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm August 13th in Tipton

Announcements:

- Great River Rumble on the Lower Cedar July 27th – August 3rd
- Swap White Oak event
- Eastern Iowa Green Infrastructure conference Sept. 19
- Storm water utility workshop at Johnston Public Library Aug. 1st
- Cedar Rapids Storm drain murals during week of July 29th
- Dows Farm open house Aug. 1st
- Marion's Creekside Pride Committee meets the first Monday each month at 5:30 pm at City Hall

Public Comments: none.

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, October 9, 2019, at Coe College for green roof tour

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 3:07 pm