Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors

1:00 pm, August 12, 2015

Cedar Rapids City Services Center – Five Seasons Conference Room 500 15th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Linn County – Les Beck; Cedar Rapids – Sandy Pumphrey; Marion – Steve Cooper; Hiawatha – John Bender; Robins – Vince Bading; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana

Others Present: Mike Kuntz – Cedar Rapids; Jennifer Fencl – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:08 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Beck, second by Bading to approve the minutes from June 16, 2015. Motion carried.

Administrative Update: Fencl distributed and reviewed the final budget summary. Discussion was held regarding the planning grant close out process.

Update on adoption of the Final Indian Creek Watershed Management Plan: Fencl reported that plan adoption was almost complete and expected Cedar Rapids to act on it soon.

FY16 Organizational Management Budget: Discussed the contribution formula the Board agreed to in November 2014. The City of Marion has decided not to pay their contribution in cash. Board members requested a work plan for fiscal year 2016.

Establishing committees or advisory groups in implement the plan: Fencl distributed a list of committees and discussed possible participants. Kuntz offered to make contact with ag industry people to serve on the agriculture related group.

HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition update: Iowa has been invited to submit a phase 2 proposal to the competition. The state has further refined the areas eligible to receive the funding and Indian Creek Watershed has fallen of the list.

Announcements:

Fencl reported:

- Invited to speak at the annual Farm Bureau meeting in December
- The Nature Conservancy is interested in partnering on wetland and oxbow restoration in Linn County
- The Our Woodland Legacy Symposium is December 10th
- Minnesota has recently passed a 30 foot minimum buffer rule

Beck suggested forming an association of WMAs in Iowa to share experiences and examples

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting will be in November with the date, time and location TBD.

Adjourn: Motion by Bading, second by Beckg to adjourn at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.