

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
1:30 pm, April 14, 2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 guidance to practice social distancing

**Board Members Attending Zoom Meeting:** Cedar Rapids – Cara Matteson; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Marion – Steve Cooper; Hiawatha – Jon Fitch; Linn County – Stephanie Lientz;

**Others Present:** Rick Sandstrom – resident; Jon Gallagher – Linn SWCD; Steve Erikson – Marion Resident; Martin Smith – resident; Shannon Powell – resident; Sue Biederman – resident; Mary Beth Stevenson – City of Cedar Rapids; Emery Davis – Soil Health Coordinator; Jennifer Fencl – ECICOG

**Call to Order at 1:32 pm and introductions**

**Approval of January 27, 2021 minutes:** Motion by Frana, second by Fitch. Motion carried.

**FY21 Budget Update:** Fencl reviewed the FY21 budget tracking table documenting revenue and expenditures to date. Fencl also presented an extended budget table to show how the rest of the Soil Health Partnership grant and the USGS gage will impact the budget over the next 4 years.

**FY22 Budget Draft Proposal:** Fencl presented a FY22 workplan and budget which will keep things the same but adding support for the Lower Cedar WMA and the USGS gage.

**Soil Health Partnership Project:** Davis provided an update on the project. There were 32 participants in the Women Caring for the Land virtual event March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Completed four edge of field practices with landowners and partners and 2 additional projects in the works. There were 2,900 acres of cover crops implemented in the watershed last fall. Davis presented to two school groups and is planning a virtual field day this spring with video of projects being installed.

**USGS Gage Reinstalled:** Fencl presented the signed USGS three-year contract for the operation and maintenance fee of \$14,400 per year for a total of \$43,200. The contract is signed by ECICOG on behalf of the Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority.

**Creek Name Change:** Fencl shared the news release about changing the name of Squaw Creek to Wanatee Creek to honor Adeline Wanatee (1910-1996) who was inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 for her significant work in the Meskwaki Nation and in support of women's rights across the United States.

**Grant Application Updates:** Stevenson reported that there is no word yet about the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership that The Nature Conservancy applied for to focus on wetland easements in frequent flood areas in the Lower Cedar watershed. Stevenson also reported on the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations application explaining that the next step was for NRCS to conduct a Preliminary Investigation in Indian Creek and Big Creek watersheds. If the results are favorable, the watersheds become eligible for further funding.

**Lower Cedar Watershed Plan:** Fencl reported that 3 ag virtual focus groups have been done and there is a survey on Social Pinpoint website. Work continues to prioritize HUC-12 watersheds to focus on for the plan and assessment work will take place this spring.

**Creekside Pride Water Trails / Greenways Master Plan:** The Corridor MPO hired ISG/HR Green/Impact 7G and getting started on the Recreation Access Concept Plan in Marion.

**Creekview Cove urban practices:** Sandstrom reported that COVID interrupted some projects but plan to continue as opportunities arise.

**Dawn Dr. / Douglas Dr. Area Flooding:** Discussed the flooding in the Dawn Dr. area.

**Partner Updates:**

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm on May 11, 2021

**Announcements:**

- Izaak Walton League stream monitoring training

**Public Comments:** none

**Next meeting:** The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, July 14, 2021 location TBD

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourn at 3:06 pm

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