

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:00 pm, July 18, 2018
Hiawatha City Hall
101 Emmons Street, Hiawatha

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

Others Present: Martin St. Clair – Coe College; Todd Steigerwaldt- Marion Water Department; Jon Gallagher – Linn SWCD; Jennifer Fencl – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:06 pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Frana, second by Bender to amend and approve the agenda by adding a discussion of a letter from the WMA to the City of Marion requesting a cash contribution. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bender, second by Cooper to approve the minutes from April 11, 2018. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bading, second by Frana to approve the minutes from a special budget meeting on May 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Approval Retroactively of Letter of Support: Motion by Frana, second by Bading to approve a letter of support for Coe College's application to the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for laboratory equipment needed to continue water quality monitoring. Motion carried.

Water Quality Monitoring Results & Trends: Dr. Martin St.Clair from Coe College presented their latest water monitoring results and the historic trends in the Indian Creek Watershed. Discussion was held and questions answered. Two action items emerged. The Board would like a presentation like this each July and there is a need for fish assessments.

Iowa Partners for Conservation proposal approval: Fencl reported that the job description for a Soil Health Coordinator was almost complete. The next step is for Linn County Human Resources to review and determine a salary range.

Marion's One Day in May: High School students collected litter from areas around Indian Creek. There are pictures on Marion's Facebook page.

Urban stormwater practices in Creek View Cove: Marion continues to work with this neighborhood.

Outreach Activities:

- The Indian Creek Nature Center organized a creek clean-up in May from Rosedale Road to Mt. Vernon Road.
- The ICWMA website will be updated soon.

Partner Updates:

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm August 14th in Tipton
- Corridor Conservation Coalition meeting 3:30 pm August 28th at Mount Mercy College

Announcements:

- Linn County Legislative Ag Tour on 3 farms around Walker July 21st.
- Green Infrastructure Conference Oct 18th at Indian Creek Nature Center.
- Cedar Rapids urban / ag tour Oct 17th.

Public Comments: none

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting October 10, 2018, location TBD

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 3:25 pm