

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, October 11, 2023
Marion City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue, Marion
Virtual Zoom Meeting Option

Board Members Attending Zoom Meeting: Cedar Rapids – Justin Schroeder; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Marion – Steve Cooper; Robins – Mike Kortenkamp; Hiawatha – Jon Fitch

Others Present: Steve Erikson – resident; Thomas Doyle and Todd Steigerwaldt – Marion; Jon Gallagher – Linn County Soil Conservation; Jennifer Fencil – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:34 pm

FY23 & FY24 Budget Update: Jen F provided the budget spreadsheet and reported that the FY23 ending balance was \$59,332 which is lower than past years due in part to the Soil Health Coordinator position vacancy. The FY24 invoices were sent out in July, and all have been paid except for Cedar Rapids and Marion to date.

Creekside Pride Water Trails / Greenways Master Plan: Todd S reported that a stream access project is getting reworked to possibly bid next year.

DNR Creek Sign Grant: Thomas D proposed that the WMA be the applicant to purchase and install Indian Creek watershed signs for creek/road crossings to raise awareness and support for watershed improvements. Thomas had some potential locations and estimated the signs and materials would cost \$600 per crossing. Discussed locations, local match, and how the signs might be installed. Intend to revisit in January.

Soil Health Partnership Project: Jon G. reported that the contract extension with NRCS has been granted and that he is vetting candidates for the Soil Health Coordinator position. Jon will work with Marion to do water quality sampling through the SHP grant. He has focused on cover crops in the watershed, but the dry weather is reducing the sign ups. Through the Cedar Rapids Clean Water Project there are 12 edge-of-field projects getting done in the watershed.

Announcements:

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm on November 8, 2022

Public Comments: none

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, January 10, 202 location TBD

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 2:27 pm