

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
10:00 am, March 21, 2024
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board Members Attending Zoom Meeting:

Steve Cooper – Marion, Mike Kortenkamp – Robins, Alec Matthew – Cedar Rapids, Bruce Frana – Linn SWCD, Marissa Cartwright – ICWMA Soil Health Partnership, Patrick Parsley – Hiawatha,

Others Present: Jon Gallagher – Linn SWCD, Todd Steigerwaldt – Marion, Jennifer Fencil – ECICOG, Jody Bailey – ECICOG, Marissa Cartwright – Linn SWCD, Thomas Doyle – Marion

Call to Order at 10:03 pm by Chair Cooper

USGS Stream Gauge Contract

A discussion took place about upcoming expiration of the current 3-year contract with USGS for the stream gauge on Indian Creek in April. The WMA fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. USGS has a FY cycle from October 1 to September 30. If the WMA chose to renew from April to June to complete the WMA fiscal year, the cost would be \$7,750 for 3 months, then \$15,500, plus 4% annual increase for each year contract after that. If there is a lapse in the contract, there are additional expenses for a reconnect fee. For budgeting purposes, the board discussed the pros and cons of a 3-year vs. 5-year contract, and other options for stream monitoring.

M/S by Frana and Parsley to finish out the WMA fiscal year of a stream gauge contract (through June 30) with USGS for \$7,750, and table a 3 or 5-year contract renewal while the WMA explores other options for stream monitoring. Motion carries.

Creek Sign Grant Match

The board discussed a proposed \$5,000 match for the Iowa DNR Creek Sign grant application. The WMA is applying for \$10,000 in signage funding from IDNR this match would increase the capacity of extending Indian Creek signage along trails and roads across the watershed.

M/S by Frana and Kortenkamp to provide a \$5,000 match to the WMA's creek sign grant application. Motion carries.

Adjourn

M/S by Parsley and Frana to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 am.