

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
1:30 pm, January 12, 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; Robins – Mike Kortenkamp; Linn County – Stephanie Lientz

**Others Present:** Steve Erikson – resident; Sue Biederman – resident; Patrick Parsley – Hiawatha; Jon Gallagher – Linn County Soil Conservation; Emery Davis – Soil Health; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG

**Call to Order at 1:36 pm and introductions**

**Approval of October 13, 2021 minutes:** Motion by Frana, second by Matteson to approve the minutes. Carried.

**FY22 Budget Update:** Fencel presented the FY22 budget tracking table documenting revenue and expenditures for the year. Fencel also presented an invoice from Catering by LJ's to pay for lunch during the WFPO tour. Motion by Fitch, second by Frana to approve the \$128.40 expense. Motion carried.

**FY23 Budget Proposal:** Fencel presented the FY23 workplan and budget which is the same as FY22 with continued support for the Lower Cedar WMA (\$1,500) and the USGS gage (\$14,440). In the next few fiscal years, the annual balance will be negative but there is enough in "remaining funds." Motion by Fitch, second by Frana to approve the FY23 Budget and Workplan and to form a subcommittee to propose a long-term solution to balance the annual budget. Carried.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Consensus was to keep the current Chair and Vice Chair with no elections.

**Soil Health Partnership Project:** Davis reported on the Edge-of-Field project getting underway and program updates. Another bioreactor was installed last fall and more than 1,000 acres were newly planted in cover crops. The project is on track to meet or exceed all of the goals / deliverables.

**Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Tour:** No update.

**Source Water Protection RCPP:** Stevenson reported that an agronomist has been hired to be housed at the Linn County Coop.

**Lower Cedar Watershed Plan:** Fencel reported that the plan is being drafted and will be out for review this spring.

**Creekside Pride Water Trails / Greenways Master Plan:** The committee will finalize a survey for the 8 – 10 selected project areas in the next week.

**Partner Updates:**

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

**Announcements:**

- 1) Davis reported that he has a Field Day coming up January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
2. SWCD annual tree sale January 17<sup>th</sup> online only.
3. Marion's Strategic Plan may expand the use of wet detention to manage stormwater.
4. Fencel reported that the Iowa Finance Authority is seeking proposals for water infrastructure projects.

**Public Comments:** none

**Next meeting:** The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, April 13, 2022 location TBD

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourn at 2:53 pm