

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, April 12, 2017
Linn County Public Service Center
935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Linn County – Les Beck; Cedar Rapids – Sandy Pumphrey; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Steve Cooper – Marion; Vince Bading – Robins

Others Present: Cara Matteson (Cedar Rapids); Mary Beth Stevenson (IDNR); Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG)

Call to Order at 1:38 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Frana, second by Beck to approve the minutes from November 9, 2016. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Motion by Beck, second by Frana to keep Pumphrey as Chair through 2017 and hold new elections in January 2018. Motion carried. Motion by Cooper, second by Frana to keep Cooper as Vice-Chair through 2017 and hold new elections in January 2018. Motion carried.

Update Items:

- GeoTREE Center Project – John DeGroote was not able to attend. Will invite for July meeting.
- Lower Cedar WMA formation – Fencl distributed copies of the draft 28E Agreement. Fencl agreed to assist in inviting participation in the Lower Cedar WMA.
- Mapped BMPs at HUC-12 scale – Fencl distributed maps developed by Calvin Wolter (IDNR)
- USGS Indian Creek at Marion Gage (USGS 05464695) – the gage is still turned off.

Strategic Plan Development:

- Presentations to policy makers – Fencl will start scheduling presentations to update on Indian Creek WMA activities and to invite participation in the Lower Cedar WMA.
- Develop printed materials and marketing display – Fencl proposed using some of the \$23,470 remaining out of the annual member contribution. Motion by Frana, second by Cooper to authorize a budget of \$300 for marketing materials. Motion carried.
- Evaluation of Phase I Implementation Strategies – Fencl proposed the possibility of ECICOG hiring up to 2 internships to work on 4 quick wins (Strategy #'s 4, 12, 26, & 30) using some of the \$23,470 remaining out of the annual member contribution. Consensus was to proceed.
- Assigning Costs to Selected Strategies – discussed the possibility of a work session to accomplish.
- Watershed Coordinator Position – Fencl reported on a discussion with John Swanson, who serves as the Polk County WMA liaison. John works out of the SWCD office, which had a history of funded watershed projects. The WMA Boards asked the SWCD how much funding was needed to create a position. Polk County carries more of the costs and smaller towns pay \$500 per year. ICWMA Board discussed setting up a committee made up of the Linn SWCD, County Conservation Board and Linn County to explore the options for employing a Linn County WMA coordinator.

Announcements:

- INHF Landowner Forum (habitat focus) April 29th at McLeod Farm
- Rights of Way Workshop May 2nd at Indian Creek Nature Center Amazing Space
- Cedar Rapids Soak it Up Series

Next meeting: ICWMA Board meeting is 1:30 pm, July 12, 2017 at the Linn County Public Service Center.

Adjourn: Motion by Cooper, second by Beck to adjourn at 3:15 pm. Motion carried.