

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
10:00 am, July 12, 2016
Linn County Public Service Center
935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Linn County – Les Beck; Cedar Rapids – Sandy Pumphrey; Hiawatha – John Bender; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana; Robins – Vince Bading

Others Present: John Bruce – ECICOG Intern; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG

Call to Order at 10:00 am

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Frana, second by Beck to approve the minutes from April 22, 2016. Motion carried.

Quarterly Meeting Schedule: The Board set the regular meeting schedule to the 2nd Wednesday of the 1st month of each quarter at 1:30 pm. The next few meetings will be October 12, 2016 and January 11th, April 12th, and July 12th in 2017. The Board further decided to meet at the Linn County Public Service Center for these regularly scheduled meetings.

USGS Indian Creek gage (USGS 05464695): Fencel reported that the annual operation and maintenance for the gage is roughly \$15,000. The Board raised several questions such as:

- Can the Flood Center bridge sensors be used for flow data?
- Are there new technologies that should be considered?
- What other data does the gage collect? Could we add a nitrate sensor?
- Who would potential partners be - Flood Center, Marion, Linn Co. EMS, National Weather Service?

The Board directed Fencel to set up a meeting with possible partners.

Annual State of Indian Creek Watershed report: Fencel distributed a draft report and discussed some additional information needed. The Board set some deadlines for a revised draft report and a subsequent review by Board members in late July.

Work plan review (FY16) and FY17 budget: Fencel provided a revised FY16 work plan showing outcomes and associated costs and reviewed a proposal for the FY17 budget and work plan. Pumphrey discussed the need for development of strategic plan or an annual projects plan and the potential of hiring a full time Watershed Coordinator to move projects forward. After Board discussion, there was a motion by Beck and a second by Frana, to maintain the FY16 revenue levels in FY17 and adopt the proposed FY17 work plan, using the remaining funds towards the development of a Watershed Coordinator job description and position. Motion carried.

Watershed-wide Ordinance Review Project: John Bruce, ECICOG Intern, reported on his project to summarize the current stormwater related ordinances and evaluate them against the SWMM and ordinances considered to be closer to a model ordinance. These results will be included in the Annual State of Indian Creek Watershed report.

GeoTREE Center project update: Fencel provided a brief update to this project.

Prairiewoods East Culvert Stormwater project: This streambank stabilization project is almost completed and they are planning some neighborhood outreach.

Announcements:

Fencl reported:

- Received high resolution maps from US Army Corps. Cooper is still working on copying.
- East Culvert Stormwater Project Block Party is Saturday, August 13th
- Multi-Hazard Tournament has been postponed until September 1, 2016 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Police Department.
- The Linn County Farm Bureau & Linn Soil & Water Conservation District are hosting an Ag Conservation Tour July 16th.

Public Comments: none

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting will be 1:30 pm, October 12th at the Linn County Public Service Center.

Adjourn: Motion by Frana, second by Pumphrey to adjourn at 11:43 am. Motion carried.