

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, January 11, 2017
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; Steve Cooper – Marion; Vince Bading – Robins

Others Present: Cara Matteson (Cedar Rapids); Rob Roman (Linn Co Secondary Roads); Nick Longbucco (The Nature Conservancy); Dennis Goemaat (Linn CCB); Martin Smith (resident); Janet Manatt (resident); Jennifer Fencl (ECICOG)

Call to Order at 1:38 pm

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

Election of Officers: Motion by Frana, second by Bading to defer the Election until July 2017. Motion carried.

Update Items:

- USGS Indian Creek at Marion Gage (USGS 05464695) – the gage is still turned off.
- Annual State of Indian Creek Watershed Report – report is complete and posted on website.
- GeoTREE Center Project – Presentation slides were forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting. Discussed the slides, noting some questions to pass on to John, and inviting him to an upcoming board meeting. Fencl will arrange to have John DeGroote attend.
- High Resolution Maps from Army Corps – Cooper offered to ask Corps what is on the maps.
- UI's Biomass Fuel Project – Miscanthus Grass – discussed some concerns about growing this non-native plant.

Strategic Plan Development:

- Evaluation of Phase I Implementation Strategies – Fencl distributed the results of the implementation strategy prioritization and discussion was held.
- Assigning Costs to Selected Strategies – discussed the possibility of a work session to accomplish.
- Watershed Coordinator Position – discussed the need for a coordinator and possible ways to fund.

FY18 Work Plan and Budget Proposal:

- Fencl distributed the FY 18 budget proposal keeping the contribution formula the same. Motion by Frana, second by Beck to adopt the FY18 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Statewide WMA meeting Feb. 7th in Dubuque
- Watershed Symposium Feb. 8 & 9 in Dubuque
- Iowa Water Conference Mar. 22-23 in Ames
- Linn County Conservation Board bond levy project to be wetland at Squaw Creek Park

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting will be 1:30 pm, April 12, 2017 at the Linn County Public Service Center.

Adjourn: Motion by Cooper, second by Beck to adjourn at 3:37 pm. Motion carried.