

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, October 10, 2018
Cedar Rapids City Service Center, Five Seasons Conference Room
500 15th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Cedar Rapids – Cara Matteson; Robins – Vince Bading; Steve Cooper – Marion; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana

Others Present: Rick Sandstrom – Marion resident; Nick Longbucco – The Nature Conservancy; Parker Just – Snyder & Associates; Jon Gallagher – Linn SWCD; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:42 pm

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Frana, second by Bading to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bading, second by Frana to approve minutes from July 18, 2018. Motion carried.

Amendment to FY19 Budget: Motion by Frana, second by Bading to approve the amended budget as presented. Motion carried.

Iowa Partners for Conservation Soil Health Project: Fencel reported that the job description for a Soil Health Coordinator is complete and the salary range with benefits was higher than the estimate used in the grant proposal. The City of Marion agreed to contribute cash that will support the match shortfall allowing the project to move forward. Gallagher and Fencel will continue to work with the County and Iowa NRCS to get the position announcement out.

Coe College grant to GCRCF funded: Coe College received their grant request to fund a piece of lab equipment needed to continue water sampling work in the Indian Creek watershed.

NADO Innovation Award: The Indian Creek WMA was recognized with an Innovation Award given by the National Organization of Development Organizations for their Soil Health Project.

Urban stormwater practices in Creek View Cove: Sandstrom gave an update on projects in this Marion neighborhood.

The Nature Conservancy / Oxbow Project: Longbucco described the potential for several oxbow restoration projects in Marion. There is one site in Thomas Park, one in Willow Park, and one in the LinnMar Schools area.

Outreach Activities: none to report

Partner Updates:

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm November 13th in Tipton
- WMAs of Iowa Annual Meeting first week in April 2019

Announcements:

- Innovative Stormwater Management Practices Tour October 17th in Cedar Rapids
- Eastern Iowa Green Infrastructure Conference October 18th in Cedar Rapids
- Rain Garden, Biocell, and Bioswale Workshop October 30th in Cedar Rapids
- Construction Site Pollution Prevention Inspector Certification November 15th in Marion
- Our Woodland Legacy Symposium – Connection Land & Life December 6th in Cedar Rapids
- Annual Iowa MS4 Meeting December 6th in Hiawatha
- Fourth Annual Stormwater Summit December 7th in Hiawatha

Public Comments: Nick with TNC reported that their work on wetland restoration and promoting use of 4Rs nutrient application guidelines to ag services and co-ops continues.

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting January 9, 2019, location TBD / possibly Marion

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 3:20 pm