

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
1:30 pm, May 11, 2022
ECICOG office at 700 16th Street NE, Suite 301
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

Others Present: Steve Erikson – resident; Dennis Goemaat – Linn County Conservation; Todd Steigerwaldt – Marion; Jon Gallagher – Linn County Soil Conservation; Harrison Freund – ECICOG; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG

Call to Order at 1:35 pm and introductions

Approval of May 12, 2022 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. Members discussed leaving the budget the same for FY23 and ask a committee to consider alternatives to prepare for changes in the Soil Health Coordinator position and support of the Lower Cedar WMA.

Board Member Terms: Fencel reviewed the Board term expiration dates and appointed alternates and asked for members to make reappointments or changes.

“Big Show” on WMT/WHO Radio: Various staff discussed the Indian Creek Soil Health Partnership and Cedar Rapids Clean Water Project on the radio from Platner’s Farm on March 23rd. It was good exposure for the projects.

Soil Health Partnership Project: Emery Davis left the position and Gallagher reported that we will rehire.

Cedar Rapids Clean Water Project: Gallagher reported that NRCS staff are conducting tile outlet surveys at 20 sites for the project.

Watershed Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO): No news.

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 summer.

NRCS Conservation Operations / Community Projects Funding: Fencel asked for project ideas.

Creekside Pride Water Trails / Greenways Master Plan: Steigerwaldt presented slides summarizing the greenways plan with conceptual designs for public areas and parks along Indian Creek in Marion. The plan will be rolled out at public events such as the Clear Creed Festival June 11th and an open house at Thomas Park. The plan will be approved in July and a budget will be set to implement the improvements.

Clean Creek Festival June 11th in Thomas Park, Marion factsheet: Fencel provided information about the event.

Partner Updates:

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

Announcements: 1) Invasive Species Field Day coming up June 15th Central Park in Anamosa.

2. USGS text alert and how it impacts new development in parks.
3. Cooper introduced Thomas Doyle, Marion's new Environmental Specialist position to conduct construction site inspections and other stormwater related activities.

Public Comments: none

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

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 2:41 pm

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