

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
1:30 pm, January 10, 2024  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Board Members Attending Zoom Meeting:** Steve Cooper – Marion, Mike Kortenkamp – Robins, Mary Beth Stevenson – Cedar Rapids, Bruce Frana – Linn Soil & Water Conservation District

**Others Present:** Todd Steigerwaldt – Marion; Jennifer Fencel – ECICOG, Jody Bailey – ECICOG, Marissa Cartwright – Linn Soil & Water Conservation District, Justin Schroeder – Cedar Rapids, Thomas Doyle – Marion, Jon Gallagher – Linn Soil & Water Conservation District

**Call to Order at 1:34 pm**

**October 2023 Meeting Minutes:** tabled until April 2024 meeting, due to accidental omission from agenda.

**FY24 Budget Update:** Fencel provided the budget spreadsheet and an update on FY24 expenditures.

**FY25 Budget Discussion:** Fencel provided a budget spreadsheet and led a discussion on the anticipated budget.

**Election of Officers:** Stephanie Lientz and Justin Schroeder were nominated for Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Frana. Motion passed. Cooper chaired the remainder of meeting due to absence of Lientz.

**Soil Health Partnership Project:** Gallagher introduced Marissa Cartwright as the new Soil Health Coordinator. Gallagher provided an update on edge-of-field projects underway through the Cedar Rapids Clean Water Project as well as county-wide cover crop initiatives. Gallagher stated that cover crop adoption was slow in Fall 2023 due to drought concerns, and that while the SWCD has seen a decrease in larger farms participating in cover crop programming, there has been an increase in small farm participation.

**USGS Gauge Contract:** Fencel updated the board on the expiration of the contract with USGS for creek monitoring at Thomas Park. Fencel asked the board whether they would like to renew the contract with USGS, at \$15,000 for equipment and maintenance. Motion made by Frana and seconded by Kortenkamp. Motion passed.

**Partner Updates:**

- **City of Cedar Rapids:** Stevenson provided updates on the City's Batch and Build project, including the Solid Waste wetland project which is complete, as is a wetland project at the Tuma Sports Complex. Installation of bioreactors has been slowed down by material supply chain issues. Stevenson proposed that the SWCD and City partner on a Source Water Field Day for September during Source Water Awareness Week, and shared that planning was underway for a spring field day event at the Cedar Rapids Landfill.

**Upcoming Funding Opportunities:**

- **Iowa DNR Creek Sign Grant:** Steigerwaldt and Doyle updated the board on the anticipated new round of grant funds from IDNR to pay for creek signage, and suggested creek sign locations. The board agreed that Indian Creek WMA should submit a proposal for this project when the application window opens.

**Announcements:**

- Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm on February 13, 2024. Location TBD

**Public Comments:** none

**Next meeting:** The next ICWMA Board meeting 1:30 pm, April 10, 2024. Location possibly at Cedar Rapids Landfill.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourn at 2:46 pm

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