

Indian Creek Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors
3:00 pm, April 22, 2016
Cedar Rapids City Service Center
500 15th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids

Board Members Present: Linn County – Les Beck; Cedar Rapids – Sandy Pumphrey (by phone); Marion – Steve Cooper; Linn SWCD – Bruce Frana

Others Present: John DeGroot – UNI GeoTREE Center; Cara Matteson – Cedar Rapids; Mike Kuntz – Cedar Rapids; Mary Beth Stevenson – DNR Basin Coordinator; Carol Teater – Trees Forever; Nick Longbucco – Nature Conservancy; Jennifer Fencil – ECICOG

Call to Order at 3:07 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Beck, second by Cooper to approve the minutes from January, 2016 as amended. Motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2016:

ICWMA Board Chair: Motion by Beck, second by Cooper to nominate, cease nominations, and elect Sandy Pumphrey (Cedar Rapids representative) as chairperson. Motion carried.

ICWMA Vice-Chair: Motion by Frana, second by Pumphrey to nominate, cease nominations, and elect Les Beck (Linn County representative) to the position of Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

ICWMA Secretary / Treasurer: Cooper agreed to continue serving as the Secretary / Treasurer and Fencil agreed to continue serving as the recording secretary.

Presentation by John DeGroot – GeoTREE Center at UNI: DeGroot presented his Iowa Water Center grant project to develop GIS tools to use the WINSLMM model. They also received a grant from IDALS to use the model to run different scenarios and they have selected the Lindale Mall area in the Indian Creek watershed. The resulting product will be able to prioritize areas for BMPs. DeGroot expected the work to happen over the summer months and the presentation of results will occur at an upcoming meeting.

Work plan review (FY16) and FY17 budget: Fencil provided the FY16 work plan. Discussion followed. The Board requested a modified work plan to show outcomes and associated costs for the next meeting.

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities letter of support: A letter of support from the ICWMA was submitted with Linn County's proposal to the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities in January 2016 and Fencil requested an approval retroactively. Motion by Cooper, second by Pumphrey to approve the letter of support for Linn County's proposal to the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities. Motion carried.

Grant Funding Matrix: Fencil provided a draft of a decision matrix to use for gauging whether a grant opportunity is a good investment of staff time. Discussion followed.

Annual State of Indian Creek Watershed report: Fencil distributed an information request to Members to help with summarizing activities since the Indian Creek Watershed Management Plan was approved.

Announcements:

Fencl reported:

- Received high resolution maps from US Army Corps. Cooper agreed to copy and send to all other Members.
- ECO-Fest rain barrel sale April 23rd.
- Ag in the Park on Friday May 6 at the Linn County Fairgrounds.
- One Day in May with the high schools in Marion. Fifteen students will paint storm drains on May 16th.
- Multi-Hazard Tournament on July 13th, 2016 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fencl agreed to forward the announcement to Members.

Public Comments: Longbucco provided an update to The Nature Conservancy's work to restore oxbows in the watershed.

Next meeting: The next ICWMA Board meeting will be this summer with the date, time and location TBD.

Adjourn: Motion by Cooper, second by Frana to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Motion carried.