

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2012 MEETING
OF THE
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Appointed Members in Attendance

Robert Ballou, Iowa Soybean Association
Mark Rosenbury, Chairperson, Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Jolee Belzung, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
Tom Hadden, Iowa Environmental Council
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

Appointed Members in Absent

Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau
Dennis Black, State Senator
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
David Johnson, State Senator
Debra Karwal, Iowa Pork Producers
Jarad Klein, State Representative
Roger Thomas, State Representative
Kerry Van Zante, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards

Staff and Guests

Mary J. Baker, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation
Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

Call to Order

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012, by Chairperson Rosenbury.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda item 8f (9012-010 Lytle Creek) was not received and is removed from the agenda.
Agenda item 9f (9028-014 Tributary B) is added to the agenda.

Motion 2012-90 *Chairperson Rosenbury called to adopt the amended agenda. Moved by Hadden and seconded by Hopkins to approve the amended agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Approve the Minutes From the December 2, 2011 Meeting

Change year in title for December 2 meeting minutes from 2011 to 2012.

Motion 2012-91 *Moved by Belzung and seconded by Walters to approve the amended meeting minutes, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Treasurers Report

**Watershed Protection Fund
Iowa Infrastructure Account (D81)
Revenue & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2012**

Revenue Collected:

Intra State Transfers		\$ -
Water Protection Refunds		\$ 4,299.52
Interest		
June Interest	\$ 1,962.19	
July Interest	1,327.21	
August Interest	2,395.59	
September Interest	2,123.99	
October Interest	1,872.56	
November Interest	1,651.16	
December Interest	0.00	
January Interest	0.00	
February Interest	0.00	
March Interest	0.00	
April Interest	0.00	
May Interest	0.00	
Total Interest	<u>11,332.70</u>	
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2011 through January 17, 2012		<u>15,632.22</u>

Expenditures:

Intra State Transfers		-
WIRB board member per diem cost	1,842.91	
Pay Requests Approved by Board	<u>1,020,169.00</u>	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2011 through January 17, 2012		<u>1,022,011.91</u>
Revenue minus Expenditures		\$(1,006,379.69)
Fund Balance forward from FY 2011		\$ 6,831,286.71
Fund Balance as of January 17, 2012 (FY2012)		<u><u>\$ 5,824,907.02</u></u>

**Watershed Protection Fund
Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund (DT4)
Revenue & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2012**

Revenue Collected:

Appropriations	\$	-
Water Protection Refunds	\$	-
		-
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2011 through January 17, 2012		-

Expenditures:

Intra State Transfers	-	
WIRB board member per diem cost	-	
Pay Requests Approved by Board	666,039.00	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2011 through January 17, 2012		666,039.00
Revenue minus Expenditures	\$ (666,039.00)	
Fund Balance forward from FY 2011	\$ 1,777,729.00	
Fund Balance as of January 17, 2012 (FY2012)	\$ 1,111,690.00	

Report on Practices In-Progress for Ending Projects

<u>Project</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
8008-004 Rathbun Lake Watershed	The applicant needs to submit the final report.

Project Progress Reports

The Board requested to skip discussion on the project progress reports section because any items will be discussed in the funding requests and amendment requests sections following.

Project	Discussion
Group 1	
8019-011 Staff Beaver Creek	

Project

9010-007 Hawthorn Lake
 9029-015 Otter Creek
 1022-013 Dry Run Creek
 1010-005 Bloody Run

Discussion

Group 2

8008-004 Rathbun Lake
 9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek
 9011-008 Walnut Creek
 1004-002 Rathbun Lake
 1011-006 Competine Creek
 1113-005 Duck Creek

Group 3

8004-001 Summit Lake
 8009-005 Storm Lake
 9002-001 Indian Springs

Group 4

9009-006 Lost Creek
 9033-018 Camp Creek

Funding Request Forms

<u>Project</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
1010-005 Bloody Run Creek	\$34,575.00	0	No final report.
1012-007 Yellow River Headwaters	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	The applicant submitted the progress report. The columns in the funding request did not add up and Neppel corrected the accounting.
1016-010 Iowa Great Lakes Targeted Watershed Project	\$71,500.00	\$40,000.00	Neppel talked to the project coordinator who said he may do certain activities. There is \$2,600 in expenditures and \$1,800 in obligated funds with 3 to 4 projects that may get obligated in the next 2 months. The applicant will need the \$40,000 if the acquisitions go through.

Motion 2012-92 *Moved by Hopkins and seconded by Ballou to approve funding \$40,000 of this request, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
1017-011 Tuttle Lake Watershed	\$16,250.00	\$16,250.00	The applicant has practices obligated and is working to get practices going.
1022-013 Dry Run Creek Watershed	\$43,560.00	\$43,560.00	This project is part of building on the UNI Campus. The applicant is ready to build the practices.
1102-001 Twelve Mile Creek Watershed	\$152,932.50	\$152,932.50	<p>This project was started January 1, 2012. The applicant did not submit a plan of work. Landowner agreements are part of the application and the signed agreements are \$3,100 per acre. The Board approved this project on the condition that DNR will provide funds to build a wetland structure on the adjacent land. The plan was to purchase the land now and DNR cannot provide funds to build the wetland structure until this step is complete</p> <p>Motion 2012-93 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hopkins to approve the request subject to receiving the plan of work, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
1113-005 Duck Creek Watershed	\$131,156.00	\$131,156.00	This is a new project. The plan of work was forwarded to the work group and no responses from the Board were received.
1114-006 Walnut Creek Watershed	\$91,000.00	\$91,000.00	This is a new project. The plan of work was forwarded to the work group.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
1118-007 Lake Hendricks Watershed	\$30,910.00	\$30,910.00	The applicant did not submit a plan of work. <i>Motion 2012-94 Moved by Hopkins and seconded by Walters to approve the funding request, subject to approval of the plan of work, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1119-008 Lake Icaria Watershed	\$131,150.00	\$131,150.00	
7014-005 Maple River Junction	\$15,000.00	0	The applicant has not submitted the final report.
7024-009 Volunteer Creek Watershed	\$36,750.00	0	The applicant submitted a final report twice. The applicant is waiting for environmental impacts (sediment delivery) and they need to quantify the facts of the flood reduction. The applicant was referred to the DSC Urban Conservationist.
7025-010 College Creek Watershed	\$30,434.00	\$30,434.00	There are no comments on the final report.
7031-011 Brushy Creek Watershed	\$67,780.00	\$66,688.00	The applicant submitted a pre-final funding request. The request amounts do not match the amendment request. There should not be negative amounts in the budget balance column. The Board agreed to remove the salary portion from the funding request. <i>Motion 2012-95 Moved by Hopkins and seconded by Hadden to approve the funding request in the amount of \$66,688, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
8004-001 Summit Lake Watershed	\$48,312.00	0	The applicant has not submitted the final report or ledger. We cannot release the 10% retainage.
8006-003 East Okaboji Beach	\$38,600.00	\$38,600.00	The applicant submitted a final

<u>Project</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
			report.
			Motion 2012-96 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Ballou to approve the final report and funding request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
8018-010 Walnut Creek Watershed	\$28,450.00	0	The final report was submitted late and is not on the agenda.
8019-011 Staff and Beaver Creek Watershed	\$29,875.00	0	This project ends June 30, 2012 and the applicant has a \$60,000 balance. Applicant does not need money. The final report was submitted this week and is not on the agenda.
8027-016 Competine Creek	\$22,875.00	\$22,875.00	The applicant submitted a progress report.
9005-002 Silver Creek Watershed	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	
9006-003 Bear Creek Watershed	\$7,000.00	0	The applicant is not showing any spent or obligated for waste storage structures. Will the applicant spend or obligate any more money on streambank stabilization? The progress report details MRBI activities.
			Motion 2012-97 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hadden to deny the funding request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek Watershed	\$96,450.00	\$96,450.00	The applicant submitted an amendment request. The applicant's letter states the need to use more WIRB funding because IFIP funding is no longer available. IFIP funding as a partner is not part of the original application. What is the impact of no IFIP funding? The applicant shows only practices impacted by the amendment and not all of the

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			practices covered by the agreement. The applicant shows three reasons in its letter: 1) increased landowner/operator interest; 2) no support from IFIP; and 3) five waterway projects are engineered and designed and are currently being shelved because of lack of funds.
			Motion 2012-98 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Ballou to approve the amendment and funding request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
9009-008 Lost Creek Watershed	\$129,000.00	\$129,000.00	The applicant submitted a progress report.
9010-007 Hawthorn Lake	\$106,250.00	\$106,250.00	The applicant submitted a progress report. The shoreline item should be \$100,000 and not grade stabilization.
9011-008 Walnut Creek Watershed	\$44,245.00	\$44,245.00	
9020-012 Fox River Watershed	\$25,500.00	\$25,500.00	The applicant submitted a progress report.
9028-014 Tributary B Four Mile Creek Watershed	\$157,141.00	\$157,141.00	The applicant submitted a final report. Neppel noted there is a refund coming to WIRB.
			Motion 2012-99 <i>Moved by Walters and seconded by Weber to approve the final report and funding request, and the motion was approved. Belzung abstained from voting.</i>
9029-015 Otter Creek Watershed	\$121,903.00	\$121,903.00	The applicant submitted a progress report.
9031-016 Duck Creek Watershed	\$400,000.00	0	The applicant did not submit a final report.
9032-017 Miller Creek Watershed	\$39,470.00	\$39,470.00	This amount is 90% of the total.

Motion 2012– *Moved by Ballou and seconded by Weber to approve the funding requests as listed above, noting Belzung abstained from voting on 9028-014 Tributary B Four Mile Creek Watershed, and the motion was approved.*

Amendment Requests

<u>Project</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
7031-001 Brushy Creek	<p>The applicant requests transfer of funds. Taking money from two line items put into stock nitrate test line item.</p> <p>Motion 2012-100 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hopkins to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
8004-001 Summit Lake	<p>The applicant requests to transfer funds. The amendment covers \$1,000 transferred from legal and ordinances to shoreline stabilization. The partners contribution and WIRB percentage is still the same</p> <p>Motion 2012-101 <i>Moved by Hadden and seconded by Hopkins to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
8012-008 Lake Morris	<p>The applicant requests transfer of funds.</p> <p>Motion 2012-102 <i>Moved by Hadden and seconded by Ballou to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
8021-012 Sands Timber	<p>The applicant requests to transfer funds and add a new practice. There is nothing regarding shoreline riprap in the original application. The applicant provides an environmental benefit. The applicant shows shoreline riprap being done by other entities. This project ends June 30, 2012. This contract cannot be extended because it falls under three year limitation.</p> <p>Motion 2012-103 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Walters to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>

Project

9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek

Discussion

The applicant requests transfer of funds.

See funding request section for motion

9014-010 Lytle Creek

The applicant requests an extension of the completion date.

Neppel anticipated the applicant submitting a letter requesting an extension. This project started as Leisure Lake, Jackson County. The applicant resubmitted another application to sewer Leisure Lake. Neppel made the agreement with Limestone RC&D for two and one-half years. The applicant lost funding from USDA because of lack of progress, issues with land purchase, experienced difficulties acquiring land for the lagoon. WIRB received a letter of condition from USDA stating that \$4.9 million funding is now available. The contract can be amended to extend the completion date for an additional five years.

See funding request for motion.

Final Project Reports

Project

7021-008 Sand Creek

Discussion

The applicant should return about \$112,000. Last spring, the salary looked excessively high for a six month period.

Motion 2012-104 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hadden to approve the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7024-009 Volunteer Creek

See funding request section for motion.

7025-010 College Creek

Well written report.

See funding request section for motion.

Project

8011-007 Ludlow Creek

Discussion

Good report. The applicant stayed within the grant agreement parameters.

Motion 2012-105 *Moved by Ballou and seconded by Walters to approve the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

8024-014 Duck Creek

The applicant spent less than half of the funds. There was a change in project coordinators, so they did their best to get the environmental benefits documented. Good report.

Motion 2012-106 *Moved by Hadden and seconded by Hopkins to approve the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

9028-014 Tributary B

See funding request section for motion.

1009-004 Lost Island Lake

The report is well written, the project has been complete for over one year and applicant performed monitoring during the last year. The monitoring will be valuable to the Board and other projects.

Motion 2012-107 *Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hopkins to approve the final report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

2011 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislatures

The annual report is three to four pages in length. The content covered is the summary, Board activities, and individual annual project reports. The report is due on January 31, 2012. The Board requested review of the draft by Monday.

Administrative Update

- Six agreements are signed or ready to be signed for the new projects started January 1, 2012. WIRB training sessions will be scheduled in February with staff.
- The Governor's budget excluded WIRB. The actions of the Board in the past were to get time with the legislators. The House Environmental Committee presentation is scheduled on January 31, 2012. IDALS will present on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 2:00. Steve Olson is on the Environmental Committee.
- The Iowa Water Conference is scheduled on March 6 and 7, 2012 at Scheman Building, ISU. Board needs to approve payment of expenses for Board members.

Motion 2012-108 *Moved by Hadden and seconded by Walters to approve reimbursement of travel expenses for the Iowa Water Conference, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

- The next project tour and meeting is scheduled to leave on April 20, 4:00 p.m. and return on April 21. The Board will visit projects in northeast Iowa.
- There is a three time term limitation for Board members. Rosenbury's term is ending April 30, 2012, Belzung's term is ending in 2013, and Gillespie's term is ending in 2014.
- Review meetings for projects funded with WSPF/WPF/319 are scheduled in February and March.
- The report to the Appropriations Committee on I-Jobs and RIIF funded projects was submitted on January 13, 2012.
- The House Environmental Committee presentation is scheduled for January 31, 2012.
- The Iowa Water Day Conference is scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2012, Scheman Continuing Education Building, Ames, Iowa.

Future Meetings

March 9, 2012, teleconference – elect new chairperson

April 20, 2012, teleconference (meeting and tour of northeast Iowa projects)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Mark Rosenbury, Chair
Watershed Improvement Review Board