

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2012 TELECONFERENCE MEETING
OF THE
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Appointed Members in Attendance

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association
Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau
Jolee Belzung, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
Tom Hadden, Iowa Environmental Council
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Debra Karwal, Iowa Pork Producers
Mark Rosenbury, Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

Appointed Members in Absent

Dennis Black, State Senator
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
David Johnson, State Senator
Jarad Klein, State Representative
Roger Thomas, State Representative
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association
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
Jon Biederman, Tekippe Engineering
Robin Bostrom, Main Street West Union
Cary Davis, Fayette SWCD
Karla Organist, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
Jeff Tisl, IDALS, Regional Basin Coordinator
Bill Ziegler, Fayette County Economic Development

Call to Order

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012, by Chairperson Ballou.

Approval of Agenda

Motion 2012-124 *Chairperson Ballou called to adopt the agenda. Moved by Weber and seconded by Rosenbury to approve the agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Approve the Minutes From the March 14, 2012 Meeting

Motion 2012-125 *Moved by Rosenbury and seconded by Belzung to approve the meeting minutes, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Treasurers Report

Motion 2012-126 *Moved by Belzung and seconded by Rosenbury to approve the treasurers report, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Watershed Improvement Fund Iowa Infrastructure Account (D81) Revenue & Expenses -- Fiscal Year 2012 as of April 5, 2012**		
<u>Revenue Collected:</u>		
Intra State Transfers		\$ -
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds		\$ 58,180.77
7013-004 Rathbun Lake Watershed	\$ 4,299.52	
6004-003 Big Sioux River	\$ 53,881.25	
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	971.73	
January interest	1,394.89	
February interest	1,444.39	
March interest		
April interest		
May interest		
Total Interest		15,143.71
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2011 through April 5, 2012		73,324.48
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Intra State Transfers (Administrative Support in SFY 2010 originates from a different fund)		-
WIRB Per Diem and Expenses	1,842.91	
Funding Requests Approved by Board: (8-12-11, 9-9-11, 11-4-11, 1-26-12, 3-14-12)	2,613,922.50	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2011 through April 5, 2012		2,615,765.41
Revenue minus Expenditures		\$ (2,542,440.93)
Fund Balance forward from FY 2011		\$ 6,831,286.71
Fund Balance as of April 5, 2012		\$ 4,288,845.78
Allocations and interest available less funds set aside for existing projects		
Revenues		
Appropriations		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010	\$25,000,000.00	
SFY 2012	\$ -	
Interest Accrued		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011	\$1,300,572.17	
SFY2012 (to 4-5-2012)	\$15,143.71	
Total Revenue Collected through April 5, 2012		\$26,315,715.88
Expenses and Funds Set Aside		
Intra State Transfers (IDALS)	0	
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010	\$250,000.00	
WIRB Per Diem and expenses SFY 2009, 2010 and 2011	\$4,846.73	
WIRB Per Diem and expenses (paid by Treasurer)	1,842.91	
Subtotal	\$256,689.64	
Funds Set Aside For Approved Projects		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010	\$25,047,903.42	
9/9/2011	\$1,506,390.00	
Subtotal	\$26,554,293.42	
Total Expenses or Obligations		\$26,810,983.06
Funds Available as of April 5, 2012		(\$495,267.18)
** An error was found on the income and expense report with \$71,585 being deducted from the DT4 account rather than the D81 Infrastructure Account. This error is corrected in this Treasurers Report.		

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund (DT4)
Revenue & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2012 as of April 5, 2012****

Revenue Collected:			
Appropriations	SFY12		\$ -
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds			\$ -
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2011 through April 5, 2012			
Expenditures:			
Funding Requests Approved by Board			
8/12/2011	SFY12	656,039.00	
11/4/2011	SFY12	10,000.00	
1/26/2012	SFY12	155,810.00	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2011 through April 5, 2012			
			821,849.00
Revenue minus Expenditures			\$ (821,849.00)
Fund balance forward from SFY2011			\$ 1,777,729.00
Fund Balance as of April 5, 2012 (Treasurers Office)			\$ 955,880.00
Appropriations	SFY11	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Total Funds Available			
			\$ 2,000,000.00
Expenses and Funds Set Aside			
Funds Set Aside For Approved Projects (7-23-2010 and 11-5-2010)	SFY11	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Total Expenses or Obligations			
			\$ 2,000,000.00
Funds Available as of April 5, 2012			0.00
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Project Annual Review Meetings

Neppel attended project review meetings covering projects funded with a combination of WIRB and IDALS or DNR funding. All projects are progressing.

- Dry Run Creek, Black Hawk SWCD, was approved to spend approximately \$48,000 on urban practices but EPA 319 funds will be used in place of the WIRB funding. Staff from the Black Hawk SWCD will submit an amendment to use the WIRB funding in a different manner.
- Williamson Pond, Lucas SWCD
- Lake Rathbun
- Bear Creek – Delaware County
- Walnut Creek – Montgomery County
- Bear Creek – Poweshiek County

Amendment Requests

Project	Discussion
7014-005 Maple River Junction	<p>The applicant requests to transfer funds by line item. The request does not change the amount of the agreement.</p> <p>Motion 2012-127 <i>Moved by Weber and seconded by Rosenbury to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
8010-006 Camp Creek Watershed	<p>The applicant requests to transfer funds.</p> <p>Motion 2012-128 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Rosenbury to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
9006-003 Bear Creek Watershed	<p>This project was approved initially for a two-year period to complete soil conservation water quality practices. Since that time, the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) program was introduced by NRCS and the applicant was able to use those funds as cost share practices and limited staffing. The project coordinator is paid from WIRB funds and secondly from DSC. The project is progressing. The Board wants to know the environmental benefits of the project with the proposed changes.</p> <p>Motion 2012-129 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hadden to deny the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
1015-009 Indian Creek Watershed	<p>The applicant requests a time extension.</p> <p>Motion 2012-130 <i>Moved by Rosenbury and seconded by Weber to approve the amendment request, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>

Final Project Reports and Final Funding Requests Forms

Project	Discussion
7014-005 Maple River Junction	<p>Motion 2012-131 <i>Moved by Rosenbury and seconded by Alliger to approve the final project report, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
7042-016 Kettle Creek Watershed	<p>The project consultant prepared and sent the final funding request and final project report to city staff. The final funding request form was not signed and forwarded to the WIRB. The applicant should return approximately \$104,590 to the WIRB. Neppel will send an invoice to the applicant.</p> <p>Motion 2012-132 <i>Moved by Belzung and seconded by Weber to approve the final project report, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>
8005-002 Silver Lake	<p>This is the third attempt to correct the final project report. The final funding request form is incorrect. Neppel was instructed to have the applicant return the remaining funds, clean up the final project report and correct the errors in the final funding request form.</p> <p>Motion 2012-133 <i>Moved by Rosenbury and seconded by Belzung to approve the final project report, subject to cleanup, and to correct the final funding request form, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>

Project	Discussion
8018-010 Walnut Creek	The values shown in the fund report tables appear to be incorrect and inconsistent when the applicant does not have any in kind contributions. The applicant did not appear to document the non-WIRB funding used for the project. The final project report shows 80% of the practices were installed and they achieved 400% of the environmental benefits.

Motion 2012-134 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Hadden, subject to verification of numbers, to approve the final project report and final funding request form, and the motion was unanimously approved.

9031-016 Duck Creek Watershed	<i>Motion 2012-135 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Rosenbury to approve the final project report and the final funding request form, and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
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Funding Request

Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount	Discussion
9006-003 Bear Creek	\$1,500.00	0	The applicant shows \$80,000 unspent and unobligated funds.

Motion 2012-136 Moved by Rosenbury and seconded by Belzung to deny the funding request, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Project Progress Report

Project	Discussion
9018-011 Rathbun Lake	The report looks good.

Administrative Update

Bloody Run Creek final report - Neppel spoke to the applicant about the environmental benefits represented in the report. Neppel concluded there are no changes to the report after discussion with the applicant.

Neppel received a call from staff of the Governor's Office on April 17 regarding approval of the nominees from Conservation Districts of Iowa, Farm Bureau and Iowa Agribusiness Association of Iowa. No one was nominated from the Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards. The staff at the Governor's Office asked if the WIRB knew of any potential nominees to represent this entity.

Future Meetings

June 8, 2012, teleconference
August 10, 2012, Ankeny Public Service Building

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.



Robert Ballou, Chair
Watershed Improvement Review Board

