

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2013 TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
OF THE  
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

**Appointed Members in Attendance**

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association  
Dave Coppess, Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards  
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council (arrived at 9:24 a.m.)  
Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies  
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association  
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

**Appointed Members Absent**

Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Dennis Black, State Senator  
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
David Johnson, State Senator  
Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers  
Jarad Klein, State Representative  
Todd Prichard, State Representative

**Staff and Guests**

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 8:32 a.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013, by Chairperson Ballou.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Additions:**

6c) Final Report - 6015-008 Big Bear Creek Watershed Project

**Motion 2013-240** *Moved by Weber and seconded by Gullett to approve the revised agenda and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approve Minutes of May 10, 2013**

**Motion 2013-241** *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Sweeting to approve the May 10, 2013 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

# Approval of Treasurer's Report

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Iowa Infrastructure Account (D81)  
Revenue & Expenses -- Fiscal Year 2013 as of May 31, 2013**

<u>Revenue Collected:</u>		
Intra State Transfers	SFY 2013	\$ 1,000,000.00
Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties	SFY 2013	\$ 73,845.13
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds		\$ 492,654.36
5005-002 Farmers Creek	\$	14,279.33
6003-002 Upper Catfish Creek	\$	3,130.73
6033-015 Fox River	\$	19,065.46
7008-002 Yellow River	\$	8,059.42
7017-006 Little Clear Lake	\$	17,479.97
7021-008 Sand Creek	\$	25,972.00
7033-013 Dry Run Creek Sub-watershed	\$	377.18
7042-016 Kettle Creek Watershed	\$	65,790.00
8005-002 Silver Lake	\$	76,810.80
8011-007 Ludlow Creek	\$	15,565.92
8013-009 Muchakinock Creek Watershed	\$	37,873.04
8019-011 Staff and Beaver Creeks	\$	69,448.00
8024-014 Duck Creek	\$	38,983.00
8027-016 Compeline Creek	\$	70,243.00
9011-008 Walnut Creek Watershed	\$	29,576.51
Interest		
June Interest	\$	1,200.03
July Interest		746.82
August Interest		903.47
September Interest		1,125.76
October Interest		1,377.66
November Interest		1,250.29
December Interest		1,386.74
January interest		1,163.30
February interest		1,186.34
March interest		808.99
April interest		1,211.65
May interest		1,453.71
Total Interest		13,814.76
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013		<u>1,580,314.25</u>

<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Intra State Transfers (Administrative Support in SFY 2013 originates from a different fund)		-
WIRB Per Diem and Expenses		2,179.69
Funding Requests Approved by Board: (8-17-12, 11-2-12, 1-17-13, 2-8-13, 4-12-13, 5-10-13)		<u>2,021,098.19</u>
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013		2,023,277.88
Revenue minus Expenditures		\$ (442,963.63)
Fund Balance forward from FY 2012		\$ 3,909,633.38
Fund Balance forward as of May 31, 2013		<u>\$ 3,466,669.75</u>

**Allocations and interest available less funds set aside for existing projects**

Revenues		
Appropriations		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012	\$25,000,000.00	
SFY 2013	\$ 1,000,000.00	
Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties	SFY 2013 \$ 73,845.13	
Interest Accrued		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012	\$1,300,572.17	
SFY 2013 (to 5-31-13)	SFY 2013 \$13,814.76	
Total Revenue Collected through May 31, 2013		\$27,388,232.06
Expenses and Funds Set Aside		
Intra State Transfers (IDALS)		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010	\$250,000.00	
WIRB Per Diem and expenses SFY 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012	\$6,689.64	
WIRB Per Diem and expenses (paid by Treasurer)	SFY 2013 2,179.69	
Subtotal		\$258,869.33
Funds Set Aside For Approved Projects		
State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012	\$25,342,034.09	
8/17/2012, 3/8/2013, 5/10/2013	SFY 2013 \$1,728,933.09	
Subtotal		\$27,070,967.09
Total Expenses or Obligations		\$27,329,836.42
Funds Available as of May 31, 2013		<u>\$58,395.64</u>

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund (DT4)  
Revenue & Expenses  
Fiscal Year 2013 as of May 31, 2013**

Revenue Collected:

Appropriations	SFY13	\$	-
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds		\$	3,118.00
1003-001 Williamson Pond		\$	<u>3,118.00</u>
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013			3,118.00

Expenditures:

Funding Requests Approved by Board			
8/17/2012 (1009-004 Lost Island Lake FINAL)	SFY13	\$	18,000.00
8/17/2012, 1/17/2013, 2/8/2013, 4-12-2013	SFY13	\$	377,611.00
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Total Expenditures from July 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013			\$ <u>395,611.00</u>
Revenue minus Expenditures			\$ (392,493.00)
Fund balance forward from SFY2012			\$ 921,305.00
Fund Balance as of May 31, 2013 (Treasurers Office)			<u><u>\$ 528,812.00</u></u>

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	\$	1,820,762.00
(8-17-2012, 3-8-2013 and 5-10-2013)	SFY13	\$	177,703.00
Total Expenses or Obligations			\$ 1,998,465.00
Funds Available as of May 31, 2013			<u><u>1,535.00</u></u>

**Motion 2013-242** *Moved by Weber and seconded by Gullet to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Amendment Request**

**Project Name**  
9029-015  
Otter Creek Watershed

**Discussion**

The applicant is requesting an extension to September 30, 2013. It will allow time to incorporate new data collected through the season and ensure receipt of final bills. The City of West Union is showcasing the project on July 11 and the Board is invited to attend the event.

**Motion 2013-243** *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Project Name**  
1003-001  
Williamson Pond

**Discussion**

The applicant is requesting an extension to December 31, 2013 because the site is too wet to complete construction. There may be cost or partner agreement changes which may require another amendment.

**Motion 2013-244** *Moved by Gullett and seconded by Sweeting to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Final Report**

**Project Name**  
9002-001  
Indian Springs Pond

**Discussion**

The amended table does not show the reversion in the amount of \$106,000. The ledger is in good shape but the monitoring data is not very elaborate. The applicant did not obtain as much producer participation so it did not achieve a large percentage of the goals and objectives. The largest cost was payroll.

**Motion 2013-245** *Moved by Gullett and seconded by Walters to approve the final report request and the motion was unanimously approved.*

9033-018  
Camp Creek Watershed

The applicant provided copies of the easements and updated the narrative in the final report. Metro Waste Authority will provide oversight of the easements. The Board wishes to table approval of the final report until it receives an opinion from the Iowa Attorney General's Office on the profit status of Metro Waste Authority.

**Motion 2013-246** *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to table the final report until the next meeting and the motion was unanimously approved.*

6015-008  
Big Bear Creek Watershed  
Project

The previous final report was not approved by the Board. Some uncompleted report items are not available, as NRCS removed the original data from the computer of the retired employee. The applicant reported the information they had available to them.

**Motion 2013-247** *Moved by Gillespie and seconded Sweeting to approve the final report, and motion was approved.*

**1019-012 Des Moines Middle (City of Luther) Discussion**

The City of Luther has not provided WIRB with a revised plan or begun applying for DNR and utility approvals. The Iowa Attorney General's Office reviewed the agreement between WIRB and the City of Luther and determined the State of Iowa can terminate the agreement with or without cause by providing the applicant a 30 day notice to the applicant.

**(Susan Heathcote arrived 9:24 a.m.)**

**Motion 2013-248** *Moved by Weber and seconded Walters to terminate the agreement, and motion was approved.*

<b>Board</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Coppess		X	
Gillespie	X		
Gullett	X		
Heathcote	X		
Sweeting	X		
Walters	X		
Weber	X		

**WIRB RFP Subcommittee (Gillespie, Heathcote, Hopkins and Weber)**

The RFA documents will be finalized once the Governor has approved the appropriation. There is an added application assessment new category for nutrient reduction. The Board established the maximum amount of award per project to be \$300,000, a 3 year project term and 10% retention of funds until the final report is approved by the WIRB.

**Motion 2013-249** *Moved Gullett and seconded by Weber to approve the revised RFA documents and open the RFA as soon as the Governor approves the appropriation. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Summer Tour:**

Thursday - Leave at 12:00 p.m. and travel to Blockton (Sands Timber), Lake Icaria (rock chute), Red Oak and spend the night.

Friday – Travel to Elliott (wetland construction for nitrate removal). John Thomas will host a tour of Hungry Canyon Alliance projects, and Council Bluffs (urban practices).

Return to Des Moines at 5:00 p.m.

No business meeting is planned at this time; however, one can be scheduled at the Thursday dinner or Friday morning.

Neppel will send out the agenda and meeting notice for the tour and a Doodle Pool for selection of a July a meeting date.

**Adjournment**

**Motion 2013-250** *Moved Weber and seconded by Sweeting to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.*



Robert Ballou, Chair  
Watershed Improvement Review Board



Mary J. Baker, Minutes Recorder for the  
Watershed Improvement Review Board

