

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2013 TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
OF THE  
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

**Appointed Members in Attendance**

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association  
Jolee Belzung, Iowa Association of Water Agencies  
Dave Coppess, Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council  
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Todd Prichard, State Representative  
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association  
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

**Appointed Members Absent**

Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau  
Dennis Black, State Senator  
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards  
David Johnson, State Senator  
Debra Karwal, Iowa Pork Producers  
Jarad Klein, State Representative

**Staff and Guests**

Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Ballou welcomed Representative Prichard, new member to WIRB.

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 8:16 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013, by Chairperson Ballou.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Changes:**

Revision of Motion 2013-203 in the February 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

**Additions:**

- 5c) 9032-017 Miller Creek, amendment to transfer funds among line items.
- 7c) 1233-015IJ Miller Creek, funding request in the amount of \$16,875.
- 14) Discuss potentially available funds and the City of Luther project.

*Motion 2013-216 Moved by Weber and seconded by Hopkins to accept the revised agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approve Minutes of February 8, 2013 Meeting**

*Motion 2013-217 Moved by Heathcote and seconded by Belzung to approve the revised February 8, 2013 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

No report was submitted.

**Amendment Requests**

- | <b>Project Name</b>           | <b>Discussion</b>  |
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| 1003-001 Williamson Pond      | The applicant is requesting an extension from April 30 to June 30, 2013.<br><br><i>Motion 2013-218 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Hopkins to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>  |
| 1204-003 North Fork Maquoketa | The applicant is requesting the addition of a new line item, Travel/Training, to the budget and transferring \$250 each year for the next three years to Travel/Training.<br><br><i>Motion 2013-219 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Walters to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i> |
| 9032-017 Miller Creek         | The applicant is requesting funds for salary and most of the practices are complete.<br><br><i>Motion 2013-220 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Belzung to approve the amendment request and the motion was approved.</i>  |

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Belzung	X		
Coppess		X	
Gillespie	X		
Heathcote	X		
Hopkins	X		
Walters	X		
Weber	X		

**Progress Reports**

- | <b>Project Name</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 9018-011 Rathbun Lake | The applicant is making good progress.   |
| 1004-002 Rathbun Lake | The ledger needs to be corrected to add terraces a budget line item as was approved by an amendment. |
| 1103-002 Rathbun Lake | No comments.   |

**Funding Request Forms**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1004-002 Rathbun Lake	\$90,000.00	\$80,000.00	The requested amount exceeds the 10% retainage rule.  <i>Motion 2013-221 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Weber to approve the funding request for \$80,000.00 and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1119-008 Lake Icaria Watershed	\$57,937.50	\$57,937.50	The applicant is requesting \$57,937.50 for the 50% share of rock chute structure repair costs.  <i>Motion 2013-222 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Heathcote to approve the funding request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1233-015IJ Miller Creek	\$16,875.00	\$16,875.00	The applicant is requesting \$10,000 for salary and benefits and \$6,875 for 50% cost share of grade stabilization structures.  <i>Motion 2013-223 Moved by Weber and seconded by Heathcote to approve the funding request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>

**Final Reports**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
7017-006 Little Clear Lake	This is the revised final report. The applicant will return \$943.50 to WIRB.  <i>Motion 2013-224 Moved by Belzung and seconded by Weber to approve the final report and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>

**Approve 1245 West Tarkio and 1241 Swan Lake Projects for Funding – See Applications**

WIRB will draw up two agreements for the West Tarkio project: one for "regular" WIRB funding and a second for I-JOBS-funding. There was no action taken on Swan Lake as project funds are not available at this time.

*Motion 2013-225 Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to approve \$21,328 from I-JOBS funds for West Tarkio and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**WIRB RFP Subcommittee**

RFP subcommittee members are Gillespie, Heathcote, Hopkins, and Weber. The subcommittee will review the RFP documents. Neppel will send a Doodle Poll to select dates for review.

**WIRB Appointments and Officer Elections**

Representative Todd Prichard is a new appointee.

Representative Jarad Klein is expected to be appointed.

Senator Johnson was reappointed.

The Iowa Association of Water Agencies submitted a nominee and it was rejected. It submitted a second nominee and it is awaiting response.

There is no update on the Iowa Pork Producers nominee.

### Future Meeting

Neppel will send out a Doodle Pool to select the next meeting date. May 10, 2013 was suggested.

### Administrative Update—Neppel

**Southwest Iowa summer tour** (June or no later than July 11). This is suggested to be an overnight tour leaving on a Thursday and returning on a Friday. Neppel will send a Doodle Poll to select dates.

**Senate File 435** – An appropriation for WIRB passed the Senate and will go to the House. The amount of the Bill is \$4,000,000 and 50% of the funds shall be used for water quality initiative projects, as part of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy and located in priority watersheds identified by the Water Resources Coordinating Council (WRCC).

The final report for the 1017-011 Tuttle Lake project has not been submitted and the applicant is returning approximately \$34,000 to WIRB.

Neppel responded to a legislative information request inquiring the number of WIRB-funded projects monitoring water quality and the project funding sources. Approximately one-half of the WIRB-funded projects monitor water quality and are funded by a combination of WIRB and partners.

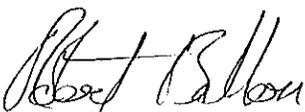
### 1019-012 City of Luther

The city is unable to acquire land. This is an I-JOBS-funded project for construction of a septic collection and lagoon treatment system. The project engineer is meeting with the city soon and he requested a letter from WIRB stating projects funded by I-JOBS must be completed by June 30, 2014. Neppel will attend the meeting with city staff. If the applicant cannot complete the project in its entirety by June 30, 2014, WIRB will request the applicant relinquish the funds to be reallocated to another applicant. The City of Luther may reapply during future RFAs when the project is ready to implement.

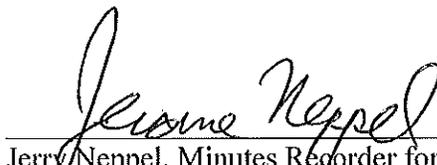
Ballou commended Belzung on her years of service to WIRB.

### Adjournment

**Motion 2013-226** *Moved by Chairperson Ballou and seconded by Belzung to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.*



Robert Ballou, Chair  
Watershed Improvement Review Board



Jerry Neppel, Minutes Recorder for the  
Watershed Improvement Review Board