

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2013 TELECONFERENCE
OF THE
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Appointed Members in Attendance

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Hopkins left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.)
Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers
Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa

Appointed Members Absent

Dennis Black, State Senator
Dave Coppess, Agribusiness Association of Iowa
David Johnson, State Senator
Jarad Klein, State Representative
Todd Prichard, State Representative
Greg Rinehart, Iowa Farm Bureau
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association

Staff and Guests

Mary J. Baker, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation
Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation
Deb Kozel, Iowa Legislative Services
Jake Hansen, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

Call to Order

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013, by Chairperson Ballou.

Approval of Agenda

Additions:

- 5b) 1102-001 Twelve Mile Lake – applicant requests a one-year extension; and
- 6b) Discuss river and streambank restoration criteria.

Motion 2013-308 *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Sweeting to approve the amended agenda and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Request for Applications Results of November 8, 2013

The Board discussed the uses for the WQI funding. WRB staff reviewed the November 8 approved applications to determine which practices were eligible for the WQI funding. The new review criteria and budget will be sent to the Board before the next RFA.

Request for Applications – Documents to Review

The Board agreed to change “near stream channels” to “hard armored streambank stabilization” on the Request for Applications form. The applicants should have a fluvial geomorphologic assessment on the stream corridor prior to submission of an application. The RFA will be issued the week of December 16, 2013 and the due date for applications is February 28, 2014. Neppel will send out a Doodle Poll to set the date of the RFA review meeting.

Hopkins left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Amendment Request

Project Name	Discussion
1246-022 Middle Buffalo Creek	The applicant requests to transfer funds from practices to salary and benefits. WIRB will fund salary and SRF will fund practices. Motion 2013-309 <i>Moved by Gullett and seconded by Heathcote to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1102-001 Twelve Mile Lake Watershed	The applicant requests a one-year extension to complete practices. Motion 2013-310 <i>Moved by Weber and seconded by Sweeting to approve the amendment request and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>

Final Reports

Project Name	Discussion
1008-003 White Oak Lake	There will be a release \$2,881 of IJOBS funding. The applicant was using SWCD information to quantify the sediment and nutrient reductions. The phosphorus reductions appeared high. Motion 2013-311 <i>Moved by Weber and seconded by Gullett to approve the final report and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
	The Board agreed to add the river and streambank restoration discussion with Iowa DNR staff and other experts on fluvial geomorphologic assessments to the January 29, 2014 meeting agenda.

Annual Report Planning

- a) Appropriation Report – due January 15, 2014
- b) WIRB Annual Report – due January 31, 2014

Administrative Update

- All available IJOBS funds will be issued to 9018-011 Rathbun Lake Watershed and used in place of “regular” WIRB funding. There are two projects ending soon and both applicants will return IJOBS funds.
- 9014-010 Leisure Lake Project – The applicant has installed 125 of 310 septic hook-ups.
- The 2013 project annual report guidance will be sent out this week.
- Progress Reports – Neppel will begin loading the entire project file on the website to save time.
- Partnership Day – Partnership Day is scheduled on January 28, 2014. WIRB is invited to participate and present a poster.
- Project Annual Reviews – WIRB is invited to attend the meeting reviewing WIRB, WSPF, WPF and EPA 319 funded projects. The meetings will be scheduled from the end of January through March.

Upcoming Meetings

January 29, 2014

Adjournment

Motion 2013-312 *Moved by Weber and seconded by Gullett to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.*



Robert Ballou, Chair
Watershed Improvement Review Board

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