

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD TELECONFERENCE**

Appointed Members in Attendance

Jane Weber, Chairperson, Conservation Districts of Iowa
Dennis Bogaards, Iowa Soybean Association
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards
Jake Hansen, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers
Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association

Appointed Members Absent

Bruce Bearinger, State Representative
Rita Hart, State Senator
David Johnson, State Senator
Norlin Mommsen, State Representative
Molly Toot, Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Curt Zingula, Iowa Farm Bureau

Staff and Guests

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

Call to Order

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 20, 2015, by Chairperson Weber.

Approval of Agenda

Deletion: 7b 1234-016 Honey-Lindsey-Dry Run Creeks

Motion 2016-1 Moved by Hansen and seconded by Heathcote to approve the amended agenda and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of December 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion 2016-2 Moved by Heathcote and seconded by Hopkins to approve the December 17, 2015 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Iowa Infrastructure Account (Appr D81)
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - December 2015**

Fund Cash Balance - November 30, 2015		2,552,339.96
<u>Revenues</u>		
Intra State Transfers - New Appropriation		
Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties	2,500.00	
Interest	1,598.31	
Refunds		
None		
Total Refunds	<u> </u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		4,098.31
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Intra State Transfers		
WIRB Per Diem and Expenses		
Project Expenses	<u>142,664.02</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>142,664.02</u>
Change in Fund Balance		<u>(138,565.71)</u>
Fund Cash Balance - December 31, 2015		<u>\$ 2,413,774.25</u>

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Iowa Infrastructure Account (Appr D81)
Unobligated Funds Available as of January 13, 2016
*(Amounts are for the entire life of the program)***

Total Revenues	27,843,074.05
<i>(includes Appropriations, Interest, and Animal Ag Compliance Fund Penalties)</i>	
Transfers to IDALS-DSC for Admin	(250,000.00)
WIRB Board Per Diem and Expenses	(14,122.06)
Projects Awarded and Funds Obligated	<u>(27,286,896.68)</u>
Unobligated Funds Available as of January 13, 2016	<u>\$ 292,055.31</u>

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Appropriation D70
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - December 2015**

Fund Cash Balance - November 30, 2015 2,230,237.51

Revenues

Refunds
None

Total Refunds

TOTAL REVENUES

Expenditures

Project Expenses

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Change in Fund Balance

Fund Cash Balance - December 31, 2015

2,230,237.51

135,648.43

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(135,648.43)

\$ 2,094,589.08

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Appropriation D70
Unobligated Funds Available as of January 13, 2016
*(Amounts are for the entire life of the program)***

Total Appropriations

3,000,000.00

Projects Awarded and Funds Obligated

(3,000,000.00)

Unobligated Funds Available as of January 13, 2016

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Motion 2016-3 Moved by Hansen and seconded by Walters to file the treasurer's report and the motion was unanimously approved.

WIRB Promotional Opportunities

- 1) Conservation Partnership Day, Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The booth was staffed by WIRB members Heathcote, Hansen and Hopkins; past WIRB chairpersons Bob Ballou and Mark Rosenbury; a representative from the Central Park Lake Watershed project; representatives on behalf of the Sands Timber Watershed project and representatives from the city of Coralville on behalf of the Clear Creek Watershed project.

The Board discussed the lack of appropriations the past two years and the importance of communicating WIRB program objectives address a broad array of water quality improvements to the Iowa Legislators and other interested parties.

- 2) Water Utility Day, Monday, March 21, 2016. Heathcote plans to attend. The same or slightly modified poster display will be used.

- 3) 2016 Iowa Water Conference, March 23-24, 2016. The agenda includes water quality research topics, practice implementation and project successes and case studies. The WIRB will display a poster.

Motion 2016-4 *Moved by Walters and seconded by Hopkins to reimburse eligible expenses to eligible board members who plan to attend any of these events and notify Chairperson Weber. (Walters, Heathcote, Hopkins, Keppy and Sweeting submitted their names.)*

Amendments

Project Name	Discussion
1114-006 Walnut Creek	The applicant requests a contract extension to December 31, 2016 to complete a grade stabilization structure. Motion 2016-5 <i>Moved by Hansen and seconded by Walters to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>
1245-021 West Tarkio River	The applicant requests a contract extension to June 30, 2016. The applicant was unable to complete all of the planned practices due to the adverse weather conditions in the fall of 2015. The applicant also requests to transfer \$3,998.62 from grade stabilization structures to terraces. Motion 2016-6 <i>Moved by Hansen and seconded by Walters to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>

Final Reports

Project Name	Discussion
1209-006 Waterloo Creek	Approximately \$65,000 will be returned to WIRB. Motion 2016-7 <i>Moved by Keppy and seconded by Heathcote to approve the final report and the motion was unanimously approved.</i>

2015 WIRB Appropriations Report—Submitted January 15, 2016

Neppel requested a copy of the submitted report from staff at the Treasurer’s Office after it is posted to the General Assembly reporting website.

2015 WIRB Annual Report—Due January 31, 2016

Iowa Code Section 466A.3(4e) states the report is due on January 31. The report is usually three to four pages summarizing Board activities and program status and includes annual project reports from the active projects.

WIRB Project Monitoring And Annual Reviews

- 1) D-70 funded projects - ending year 2 of 3-year (maximum) projects. Neppel will contact the project coordinators to determine if they will be able to use the funds or return any funds to WIRB. These funds will revert to the state general fund after June 30, 2018.
- 2) Annual project reviews are scheduled for February and March.
- 3) Administrative Update. Neppel shared applicant inquiries for the next RFA.

Adjourn

Motion 2016-8 *Moved by Sweeting and seconded by Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.*



Jane Weber, Chairperson
Watershed Improvement Review Board

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