

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2016**  
**WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD TELECONFERENCE**

**Appointed Members in Attendance**

Jane Weber, Chairperson, Conservation Districts of Iowa  
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards  
Jake Hansen, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality  
Rita Hart, State Senator  
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council (arrived at 8:53 a.m.)  
Norlin Mommsen, State Representative  
Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies  
Molly Toot, Agribusiness Association of Iowa  
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association  
Curt Zingula, Iowa Farm Bureau

**Appointed Members Absent**

Bruce Bearinger, State Representative  
Dennis Bogaards, Iowa Soybean Association  
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
David Johnson, State Senator  
Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers

**Staff and Guests**

Mary J. Baker, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality  
Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality  
Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 8:32 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2016, by Chairperson Weber.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion 2016-19** *Moved by Hansen and seconded by Zingula to approve the agenda and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approval of March 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion 2016-20** *Moved by Sweeting and seconded by Walters to approve the March 11, 2016 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

All funds are obligated to projects at this time.

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Iowa Infrastructure Account (Appr D81)  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - May 2016**

Fund Cash Balance - April 30, 2016			2,193,622.33
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Intra State Transfers - New Appropriation		-	
Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties		8,020.07	
Interest		1,056.92	
Refunds			
None	-		
Total Refunds	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUES			9,076.99
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Intra State Transfers		-	
WIRB Per Diem and Expenses		-	
Project Expenses		80,930.51	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			80,930.51
Change in Fund Balance			(71,853.52)
Fund Cash Balance - May 31, 2016			<u>\$ 2,121,768.81</u>

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Iowa Infrastructure Account (Appr D81)  
Unobligated Funds Available as of May 31, 2016  
*(Amounts are for the entire life of the program)***

Total Revenues	27,886,906.41
<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>(27,221,928.17)</u>
Unobligated Funds Available as of May 31, 2016	<u>\$ 400,856.18</u>

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Appropriation D70  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - May 2016**

Fund Cash Balance - April 30, 2016		1,726,424.95
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		
Refunds		
None	-	
Total Refunds	-	
TOTAL REVENUES		-
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
Project Expenses	26,472.54	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		26,472.54
Change in Fund Balance		(26,472.54)
<b>Fund Cash Balance - May 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 1,699,952.41</b>

**Watershed Improvement Fund  
Appropriation D70  
Unobligated Funds Available as of May 31, 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)
<b>Unobligated Funds Available as of May 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$ -</b>

**Motion 2016-21** Moved by Gullett and seconded by Sweeting to file the treasurer's report and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Legislative Update**

The Board discussed House File 2454 statutory changes to WIRB. In summary, the Board cannot establish any new activity; the original scope of projects cannot change; existing activities will be allowed to finish; and the Board can meet to review projects and amendments. Existing unobligated funds will remain in the account for the administration of the program. Future legislation is necessary to dissolve the Board.

Heathcote arrived. 8:53 a.m.

**Project Progress Reports for 2015 July-December Reporting Period**

Project Name	Discussion
1103-002 Rathbun Lake Watershed	The applicant is behind schedule and is completing activities.  <b>Motion 2016-22</b> Moved by Hansen and seconded by Mommsen to approve the progress reports and the motion was unanimously approved.
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	
1318-007 D70 Rathbun Lake Watershed	

### Amendments

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1312-005 West Fork Middle Nodaway	<p>The applicant updated the practices obligated since the amendment request was submitted in March. The obligated practices are less than the revised goals of the amendment. The applicant continues working on the project.</p> <p><b>Motion 2016-23</b> <i>Moved by Hansen and seconded by Heathcote to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>

Weber instructed Neppel to communicate WIRB guidance to applicants regarding the new legislative rule and deadline.

### Final Reports

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	Neppel will have the applicant correct the narrative and ledger.
1234-016 Honey-Linsey-Dry Run Creeks Watersheds	<p>1234-016 Honey-Linsey-Dry Run Creeks Watersheds and 1304-003 Honey-Lindsey-Allison Creeks Watersheds partnered with MRBI.</p> <p>This project exceeded goal.</p>
1304-003 Honey-Lindsey-Allison Creeks Watersheds	This project the project did not receive as much partner funding as detailed in the application. The applicant is ending the project early due to staffing issues and lack of funding.
1311-004 Central Park Lake Watershed	This applicant is focusing on sediment control by constructing three structures and implementing an education component. The project was under budget and was scheduled to be completed early.

**Motion 2016-24** *Moved by Hansen and seconded by Keppy to approve the final reports as presented and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### WIRB Member Renewals or Appointments

There is no information on the new appointment for the Rural Water Association and renewal of Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies.

### Administrative Update

- a) WIRB-funded project activities – Neppel toured the Coralville project tour. The project is complete but reseeding in areas may be necessary.
- b) Neppel posted information on the Rapid Creek Watershed tour on Google Docs.
- c) Sweeting and Neppel attended the Rapid Creek Watershed project review.
- d) July 7 – Little Bear Creek project review, Malcolm, Iowa.
- e) State Soil Conservation Committee tour, June 20-21, Dickinson County.
- f) Project status and project reviews. Neppel is holding some GAX for payments on the 1248-043 Dry Run Creek Project until final report is approved. The applicant is a non-profit group. Neppel will send the Gax forms back to the board president.

**Next Meeting**

A late July meeting is proposed; Neppel will send a Doodle Poll to find an acceptable date.

**Adjourn**

**Motion 2016-25** *Moved by Hansen and seconded by Sweeting to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 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