

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2016
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD TELECONFERENCE**

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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
 Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council
 Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
 Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers
 Norlin Mommsen, State Representative
 Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association
 Curt Zingula, Iowa Farm Bureau

Appointed Members Absent

Bruce Bearinger, State Representative
 Dennis Bogaards, Iowa Soybean Association
 Rita Hart, State Senator
 David Johnson, State Senator
 Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
 Molly Toot, Agribusiness Association of Iowa

Staff and Guests

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 8:00 a.m., on Friday, July 15, 2016, by Chairperson Weber.

Approval of Agenda

Motion 2016-26 *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 2016-27 *Moved by Gullett and seconded by Keppy to approve the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Project Progress Reports for 2016 January to June Reporting Period

Project Name	Discussion
1335-016 Hickory Grove Lake Watershed	This project is nearing completion with the major work products completed. Need to finish fencing and seeding.
1407-003 University Branch Dry Run Creek Watershed	The upcoming six month reporting period will have a lot of construction work completed. Ledger has errors. Project bid much below engineer's estimate. Slow start of project, but getting practices applied now. Struggling to keep project moving financially. Progress needs to be documented in the tables.
1407-004 Cooper Creek Watershed	Errors on the ledger—need training. Project started slowly, but practices are being applied now. Struggling to keep project going financially.

Amendment

Project Name	Discussion
1323-011 Little Lick Creek Watershed	The applicant is requesting to transfer funds from 'Water and Sediment Control Basins' to 'Grade Stabilization Structures'. Motion 2016-28 Moved by Hansen and seconded by Hopkins to approve the amendment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Final Reports

Project Name	Discussion
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	The applicant corrected the narrative and ledger as requested. The WIRB accepted these revisions to the final report accepted June 9, 2016
1245-021 West Tarkio River Watershed	The final report narrative and ledger were correct for the WIRB funds, but Neppel will work with the project coordinator to correct some ledger data entry. Motion 2016-29 Moved by Hansen and seconded by Keppy to approve the final report and the motion was unanimously approved.
1302-002 Clear Creek Watershed	This project consisted of incorporating several urban infiltration practices into a roadway reconstruction and expansion. A comparison between traditional roadway infrastructure and green roadway infrastructure costs and environmental benefits was completed and published. The seeding will be monitored to ensure it is well-established. Motion 2016-30 Moved by Heathcote and seconded by Hopkins to approve the final report and the motion was accepted unanimously approved.

WIRB Member Renewals or Appointments

Notice was received that Senator Ken Rozenboom is now appointed to the WIRB replacing Senator David Johnson. No other information was received on the other two positions awaiting appointment.

Administrative Update

- a) WIRB members requested a tour of the vegetated floating islands (VFIs) funded in part by the WIRB. Neppel will find an acceptable time for a meeting between the WIRB members and the primary researcher.
- b) Project status. Neppel continues holding GAX payments to ensure a final report is received on one project. Neppel is also assisting several projects preparing final reports and providing guidance to projects desiring to amend their project contracts.

Adjourn

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m.


Jane Weber, Chairperson
Watershed Improvement Review Board


Jerome Neppel, Minutes Recorder for the
Watershed Improvement Review Board