

Water Resources Coordinating Council

Thursday, May 12, 2016
1:30-4:00 PM

Polk County Extension Office
1625 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, IA 50009

WRCC Website: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/WRCC.asp>

AGENDA

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:31 PM. Attendance is reflected on the sign-in sheets. In addition to member agencies there were 16 members of the public in attendance.

WRCC Member Agency Updates (All)

NRCS (Adkins): Two Requests for Proposals Open. First is Iowa Conservation Innovation Grants, applications are due June 3rd. Conservation Collaboration grants applications are due June 1st. These are for projects that will build capacity among partners.

2017 RCPP pre-applications were due on May 10. Full application invitations will be announced in the Summer. NRCS is also working with IDALS and Charles City to finalize contracts for RCPP projects funded in 2016.

IIHR (Weber): Working with NASA on a Soil Moisture Survey based on satellite imagery this summer. Also had a briefing with USACE Rock Island staff on operations at Iowa reservoir sites. Looking at some exploratory projects to look at reducing flood risks.

DOT (Brink): Looking at changing some best management practices as they relate to erosion and sediment control on construction sites. Had a peer exchange meeting with IDALS in April to look at ways to work together in staging projects and partnering opportunities.

Governor's Office (Vande Hoef): Soil and Water Conservation Week wrapped up on May 1. Governor and Lt. Governor were able to tour several water quality projects and signed a proclamation for the week in Story County.

The Governor's office is working with the Legislature to sort out appropriations bills passed and to clarify items relating to water quality.

Iowa will host the National Governor's Association annual conference July 14-17. Part of the meeting will include a demonstration of the Conservation Station by ISU.

USGS (Nalley): Sensors have been moved into South Raccoon and West Nishnabotna. Nitrate sensors have been added in Silver Lake in SW Iowa and West Branch. USGS is also hosting a Science Exchange meeting in Ames on June 21-22.

USDA-FSA (Whitaker): CRP signups have wrapped up with strong interest. Interest in new wetland signups primarily in prairie pothole region. Pollinator habitat interest is high as well. Farm Bill tightens national CRP acreage cap in 2017 and 2018. There are concerns about availability of acres for re-enrollments and new signups.

USACE (Freyermuth): Multi-Hazard Tournament will be held on July 13th. It is a tabletop exercise and will be held in Cedar Rapids. Also actively seeking funding for main-stem flood hazard improvements.

HSEMD (Benson): Heavy focus on HUD Resiliency grant.

ISU Extension (Lawrence): Iowa Nutrient Research center call for proposals is open. Proposals are due at the end of June. WRCC Measures Subcommittee will meet today after the WRCC meeting. Extension is also hosting a Watershed Academy for coordinators in Ames May 24 and 25. More than 30 registrations as of today.

Also working to add some new demonstrations to Conservation Station in advance of Farm Progress Show.

UNI (Clayton): No report.

EPA (Mike Tate): Hypoxia Task Force met April 25-27 in St. Louis. Lots of activities are underway in nonpoint component. SERA-46 group met and discussed information sharing and common initiatives. Heavy emphasis in the meeting on partnerships among states and between public and private partners. Also some discussion on biennial report due to Congress and potential transition of federal leadership following fall elections. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for early December in Mississippi.

DNR (Schneiders): Point Source NRS report was distributed and is attached to these notes. DNR is also working on a water monitoring paper relating monitoring to the NRS. Some elements of the paper will be incorporated into the NRS Annual Progress Report.

IDPH (Schmitz): Continuing monitoring of HABs this year. Hoping to use better real-time information to forecast blooms.

IDALS (Gillespie): Budget is fairly status quo from FY2016. Slight increase in Soil Admin Account. With appropriations for Ag Drainage Wells we have about 18 left to address, with a rough estimate of \$7 million in cost-share needed. The statewide signup for management practices in the Water Quality Initiative is underway and will be very similar to the 2016 program. We are working with NRCS to finalize our 2016 RCPP agreement. We will provide a full RCPP update and presentation at next meeting.

Northey remarked that he is pleased with the conversation around a large-scale water quality program in the Legislature this year. There is something to build on for next year's Legislative session to try and make something come together around a significant funding stream for water quality improvements.

Nonpoint Source Management Plan Update

Steve Hopkins, Iowa DNR, provided an annual update on the nonpoint source management plan. A copy of the presentation is uploaded to the WRCC webpage.

Question on annual grant to Iowa EPA Section 319 program. Iowa receives about \$3.4 million per year. Question on funding and the backlog of requests. Hopkins responded that annual requests outpace

funding by about a 3:1 ratio. Question on number of completed and funded 9-element plans. There are 24 completed plans and 15 funded projects .

Minnesota Watershed Tour Report

Evan Del Val, ISG, and Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz, HBK Engineering, gave a presentation on a tour led in 2015 by Senator Isehart in Iowa and Minnesota. A copy of that presentation is uploaded to the WRCC webpage.

Question on breakdown of water quality funding in Minnesota. Presenters indicated that budget information provided showed distribution between planning, staffing, and practice implementation.

Clarification on breakdown of the Minnesota CWLL formula was requested. It was indicated that some of the money is allocated to arts in addition to clean water and conservation activities.

Nutrient Reduction Strategy Annual Reporting Guidance

Matt Lechtenberg, IDALS; Laurie Wissler, ISU Extension; and Adam Schneiders, Iowa DNR discussed the process for this year's NRS Annual Progress report. The reporting time horizon for the report is June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016.

Wissler updated the committee on the status of gathering publicly available data and compiling data obtained from state and federal partners. ISU is working on an online reporting portal that will make it easier to gather reports and compile statistics as they come in. Schneiders indicated that groups that submitted water quality monitoring data last year will receive their report as a template to fill in gaps.

A copy of the presentation given will be posted to the WRCC website.

HUD Iowa Watershed Approach Update

Larry Weber, IIHR, updated the WRCC on progress made in the HUD Iowa Watersheds project. Since the last meeting, much of the work done has been organizational in nature, with contracts being developed by Iowa Economic Development Authority for lead counties and state agency partners. The contracts and associated work will begin in full on July 1 and will run for five years. A series of WMA kickoff meetings have been scheduled and will occur in the eight targeted watersheds in May and June. Five of the eight areas have active WMAs, with three yet to be formed.

WPAC Update

Clare Lindahl, CDI, is the WPAC Chair for 2016. She provided a recap of the April 20 WPAC meeting and discussed plans for the year with the WRCC. The next WPAC meeting will be held on July 13th. The WPAC meeting notes and notices will be posted online at the WPAC website maintained by IDALS.

Public Comments

There were no requests by the public for comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Next Meeting: We are tentatively looking to meet on the week of July 18th. The meeting will either be at the Capitol or back at Polk County Extension depending on the exact date, availability, etc.

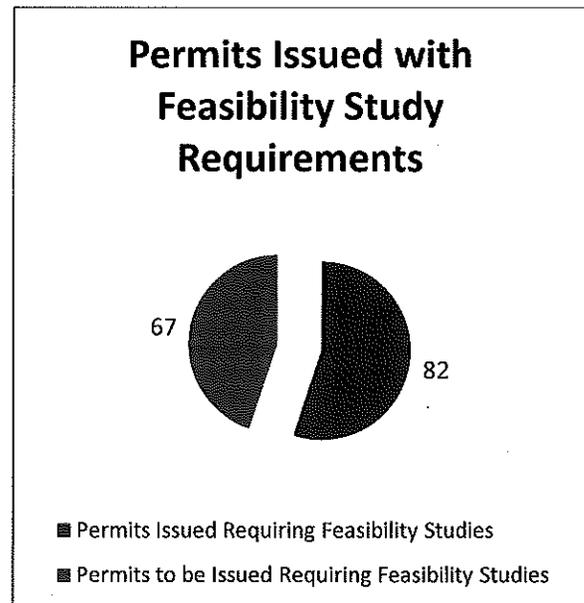
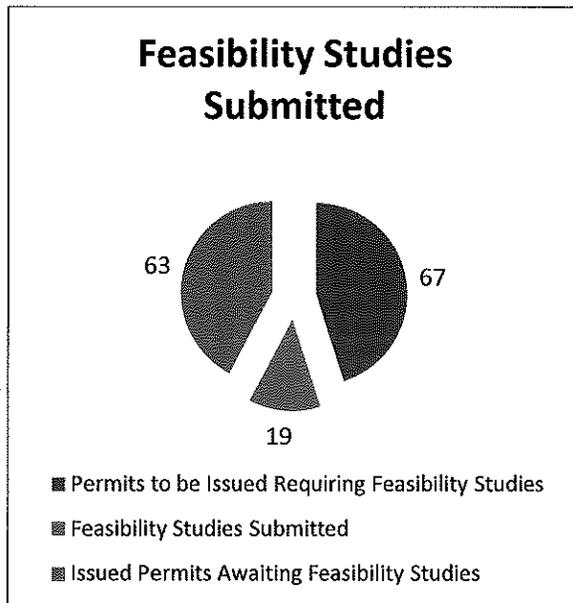
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	WRCC Representative	Position	Organization
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Bill Northey	Secretary (WRCC Chair)	Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Terry Branstad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Vande Hoef	Governor Designee	Governor's Office Governor's Office
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Chuck Gipp <i>A. Schmitzer</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Trautman <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Ehm	Director Designee Designee	Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa Department of Natural Resources
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Jim Gillespie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jake Hansen	Director Designee	IDALS - Division of Soil Conservation IDALS - Division of Soil Conservation
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Gerd Clabaugh <input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Sharp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stu Schmitz	Director Designee Designee	IA Department of Public Health IA Department of Public Health IA Department of Public Health
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 Mark Schouten <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Benson <i>John Benson</i> <i>John Oswald</i>	Administrator Designee	Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management
	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Wendy Wintersteen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Lawrence	Dean Designee	College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ISU
<i>no</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Susan Curry <input type="checkbox"/> David Osterberg	Dean Designee	College of Public Health, University of Iowa College of Public Health, University of Iowa
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 Paul Trombino III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Brink	Director Designee	Iowa Department of Transportation Iowa Department of Transportation
<i>no</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Debi Durham <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Director Designee	Iowa Economic Development Authority Iowa Economic Development Authority
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 Alec Scranton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Weber	Dean Designee	College of Engineering, University of Iowa College of Engineering, University of Iowa
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 Kevin Richards <i>Greg Nalley</i>	Director	USGS, Iowa Water Science Center
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 Kurt Simon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marty Adkins	State Conservationist Designee	USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16 John Whitaker	State Executive Director	USDA, Farm Services Agency
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 Mark Hague <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Flournoy <i>Mike Tate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Damon Frizzell	Regional Administrator Designee Designee	EPA-Region 7 EPA-Region 7 EPA-Region 7
	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 Colonel Craig Baumgartner <input type="checkbox"/> Diane Karnish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Freyermuth	Rock Island District Commander Designee Designee	US Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District US Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District US Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District

WRCC Public Attendance Sign-In Sheet
(Public comments will be accepted at specified time on agenda)

	Name	Affiliation	Have Comments (Y/N)
1	Jace Mikels	Senate Dem Caucus Staff	N
2	Jenny Neppel	IDALS - DSCWR	N
3	Laurie Wissler	ISU - CALS	N
4	Angela Freyermuth	USACE - MVR	N
5	Ben Gleason	Iowa Corn	N
6	Math Lechtenberg	IDALS	N
7	Julie Vandekroef	IGOV	N
8	Tom Osgood	HSCMD	N
9	John Dawson	HSCMD	N
10	Roger Wolf	IA Soybean Assn.	N
11	Cheryl Lindahl	CDI	N
12	Steve Hopkins	IDNR	N
13	Vanessa Fixmer-Draif	HBE Engineering	N
14	Evan DelVal	ISG	N
15	Rick Robinson	Iowa Farm Bureau	N
16	Ann Robinson	Iowa Environmental Council	N
17	Will Myers	with myers@iowaagriculture.gov IDALS	N
18	Dub Kozel	Hesli Putri Sinuway	N
19	Roger Bruner	IDNR	N
20	Calvin Walter	IDNR	N
21	Tyler Bottin	Iowa Polk	N
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Nutrient Reduction Strategy Point Source Report (WRCC – May 2016)



New Permits Issued since the February WRCC Meeting

Facility/Location	Issued Date
DES MOINES METROPOLITAN WRF	3/1/2016
NEXTERA ENERGY DUANE ARNOLD, LLC	3/1/2016
SHENANDOAH CITY OF STP	3/1/2016
WASHINGTON CITY OF STP	3/1/2016
WEBSTER CITY, CITY OF STP	3/1/2016
ADM CORN PROCESSING	4/1/2016
CRESCO CITY OF STP	4/1/2016
WATERLOO CITY OF STP	4/1/2016
CARAUSTAR - TAMA PAPERBOARD, LLC	5/1/2016
MARSHALLTOWN CITY OF WPC	5/1/2016
MASON CITY, CITY OF STP	5/1/2016
TYSON FRESH MEATS - COLUMBUS JUNCTION	5/1/2016

New Permits on Public Notice since the February WRCC Meeting

Facility/Location	Notice Date
TIPTON CITY OF STP (WEST)	10/8/2015
BURLINGTON CITY OF STP	1/29/2016
IPL – LANSING GENERATING STATION	1/29/2016
CLEAR LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT	3/31/2016
CLARINDA CITY OF STP	4/13/2016
GRAIN PROCESSING CORPORATION - MUSCATINE	4/18/2016
WAUKON CITY OF STP	5/2/2016