



# English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015  
6:30 PM  
Parkside Activity Center  
525 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wellman

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## 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ryan Schlabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

## 2. Introductions

Board Members in attendance: Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Jack Seward, Jr. (Vice Chair – County of Washington), Mike Phillips (Poweshiek SWCD), Steve Berger, Nick Pacha (City of Wellman), Kate Giannini (Washington SWCD),

Member Representatives in Attendance: Steve Johnston (Iowa SWCD), Mick Berg (County of Keokuk),

Others in attendance: Jody Bailey (Secretary/Watershed Coordinator), Andrew McGuire (Keokuk County Engineer), Larry Wilson (County of Poweshiek), Dr. Allen Bradley (Iowa Flood Center/IIHR), Amy Bouska (Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship)

## 3. Approval of minutes (Discussion/Action)

M/S to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes by Giannini/Pacha. All ayes.  
Motion passed.

## 4. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. Amy Bouska, Urban Conservationist with Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Bouska presented “Water Runoff in Iowa Communities: Learning from the Past, Managing for the Future”

## 5. Project Partner update

- a. Dr. Allen Bradley, Professor and Research Engineer with Iowa Flood Center/IIHR

Bradley shared results from the hydrologic model he and his team built for the English River Watershed that identifies areas where runoff and nutrient loading were highest, as well as areas of flood vulnerability

**6. Update on recent grant proposals (Discussion)**

a. Water Quality Improvement: Urban Demonstration Projects

Bailey provided the Board with an update on the latest grant application the ERWMA plans to submit for implementation funds, an Urban Demonstration Project pre-application proposal to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, due December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Iowa DNR Contract Extension Request (Discussion)**

Bailey presented a request to extend the contract timeline with Iowa Department of Natural Resources from a June 1, 2015 deadline, to a September 1, 2015 deadline. The extension would be no-cost, meaning watershed funds would be used to fund any additional salary expenses accumulated during that time. The deadline extension is being requested due to portions of the watershed assessment requiring more time for completion than originally estimated. Bailey presented the signature sheet that would be needed from each of the 7 original co-contractors on the IDNR contract, upon their approval, and stated she would be following up with each entity individually about meeting with their respective elected bodies to discuss and request that approval.

**8. Clarification of Board term lengths (Discussion)**

Bailey informed the Board that a review of the ERWMA Bylaws revealed that when the initial staggered terms for Board members (determined in 2013) have expired, subsequent terms shall be 2 years. A clerical error assigned 3 year terms instead of 2 year terms for two Board members elected or re-elected in 2014. Jan Anderson (City of Grinnell) and Mike Phillips (Poweshiek SWCD) had their terms adjusted from 2014 – 2017, to reflect the appropriate 2-year term: 2014 – 2016.

**9. Financial Report (Discussion)**

Schlabaugh provided an update on English River Watershed financials. As of the February meeting, the ERWMA has spent \$58,765 of the IDNR grant funds, with a balance of \$91,230. Between 12/1/14 and 2/16/15, the ERWMA has spent \$1,098.66 on contract labor (intern), office materials and supplies, and conference registration fees.

**10. Announcements**

a. Reminder of 2015 Quarterly Board Meetings

- February 19th, 6:30 PM
- May 21st, \*\*7:30 PM\*\*
- August 20th, 6:30 PM

- Nov 19th, 6:30 PM

Bailey provided a reminder of the ERWMA's meeting schedule for 2015, and meeting times. Please note that the quarterly meeting in May will begin one hour later than the usual start time.

11. Adjournment

M/S to adjourn the meeting by Pacha/Seward. All ayes. Motion passed.

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Chairperson

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Date

Minutes taken by J. Bailey