



English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2016
6:30 PM

Sigourney Public Library
720 E. Jackson St, Sigourney

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by R. Schlabaugh, Chairperson, at 6:37 pm.

- **Introductions**

Board Members in attendance: Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Kate Giannini (At Large – Washington SWCD), Steve Berger (Ex-officio), Bob Yoder (Vice Chair Alternate – Washington County), Jan Andersen (At Large – City of Grinnell), Mick Berg (Keokuk County)

Others in attendance: Jody Bailey (Secretary/Watershed Coordinator), Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering), Julie Kearney (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Craig Just (University of Iowa College of Engineering), Allen Bonini (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Watershed Improvement Division), Larry Weber (University of Iowa IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering / Iowa Flood Center), Eric Giddens (Tallgrass Prairie Center), Breanna Shea (Iowa Flood Center), Ashley Johannes (Iowa Flood Center).

- **Approval of minutes (Discussion/Action)**

May 19, 2016: M/S to approve the May meeting minutes by Phillips/Kennett. All ayes. Motion passed.

- **Updates**

Allen Bonini, from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Watershed Improvement Program, shared information about the pro-bono services and support that IDNR Watershed Improvement staff will be providing to the Watershed Management Authorities involved in the Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA aka HUD) project.

Larry Weber and Allen Bradley from the University of Iowa IIHR – Hydrosience and Engineering and the Iowa Flood Center presented on the role of the UI in the IWA project.

Eric Giddens from the Tallgrass Prairie Center presented on the program and their role in the IWA project.

Jan Andersen, Water Resources Director from the City of Grinnell shared an update on the City’s application for SRF Sponsored Project funding for urban water quality projects.

- **Financial Report** (Discussion)

The financial report was tabled until the November meeting.

- **Announcements**

Steve Berger presented on the topic of Palmer Amaranth, an herbicide-resistant invasive weed that has made an appearance in Iowa via CRP seed mixes.

Bailey reminded those in attendance that the ERWMA’s Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 PM, at the Montezuma Public Library.

Additionally, 4 current ERWMA Board Members have expiring terms this fall:

Elections 2016:

Abe	Miller	Vice-Chair	Washington County	Expires 11-21-16
Jan	Anderson	At Large	City of Grinnell	Expires 11-21-16
Kate	Giannini	At Large	Washington County SWCD	Expires 11-21-16
Mike	Phillips	At Large	Poweshiek County SWCD	Expires 11-21-16

- **Adjournment**

M/S by Berger/Berg to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson

Date

Minutes taken by J. Bailey