



ENGLISH RIVER
WATERSHED

English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

August 17th, 2017
Drake Community Library
930 Park St, Grinnell

- **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Vice Chair Abe Miller.
- **Introductions**
Board Members: Abe Miller (Vice Chair – Washington County), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Jan Anderson (At Large – Grinnell),

Jeff Geerts (Iowa Economic Development Authority), Stephanie Tassier-Surine (Iowa Geological Survey), Greg Geimer (Iowa Flood Center), Ashlee Johannes (IWA Flood Resilience Coordinator), Breanna Shea (Iowa Flood Center), Julie Kearney (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Keith Schilling (Iowa Geological Survey), John Clayton (English River WMA Volunteer Water Quality Team), Marilyn Kennett (Drake Community Library), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Paul Brandt, Matt McAndrew, Jessica Turba (Homeland Security – Emergency Management), Jody Bailey (Board Secretary & Project Coordinator) and Ben Curtis (Project Coordinator)
- **Additions to/Approval of Agenda**
Agenda approved by M/S Kennett/Phillips. All ayes.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (Discussion/Action)
 - May 18, 2017
Meeting minutes approved by M/S Kennett/Phillips. All ayes.
- **National Disaster Resiliency – Iowa Watershed Approach Project Partner Updates**
 - Hydrologic Assessment update – Dr. Allen Bradley, Iowa Flood Center
Bradley provided an update on data generated by ACPF predictive modeling in priority subwatersheds of the English River watershed. This data will be available to the public through interactive maps in the future.
 - Iowa Geological Survey – Keith Schilling, Geologist; Stephanie Surine

Schilling provided an overview of Iowa Geological Survey and the services they are providing watershed groups through the Iowa Watershed Approach project. Surine shared a presentation on defining geological characteristics of the English River Watershed.

- Planning and Implementation workplans – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator
Bailey presented workplans to the Board of Directors outlining planning and implementation objectives for the next 4 years of English River Watershed initiatives under the Iowa Watershed Approach project. The Project Coordinators will be updating the workplans routinely to keep the Board apprised of objectives met and upcoming deadlines.
- Water quality monitoring – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator
Bailey introduced John Clayton, a member of the volunteer-led Water Quality team for English River watershed monitoring and discussed project objectives. Data from each sampling event is available to the public on the website.
- Environmental Assessment – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator
Bailey shared information from Emmons and Olivier Resources regarding the status of programmatic environmental assessments (PEA). Draft PEAs were submitted to IEDA in August, and are available for a 30-day public comment period.

- **Organizational**

- WMA membership update
Bailey updated the board on new English River WMA member organizations. Johnson County resolved to join in June, and Poweshiek County resolved to join in July.
- Watershed Management Authorities of Iowa (Discussion/Action)
This item was tabled until the November Board meeting

- **Announcements**

- 2017 Board Meetings
English River WMA's annual meeting will be November 16th @ 6:30 PM, at the Sigourney Public Library.
- Invitations for the Soap Creek Tour were handed out to all in attendance

- **Adjournment**

M/S to adjourn by Kennett/Phillips.

Chairperson

Date