



ENGLISH RIVER
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English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

February 15th, 2018, 6:30 PM
English Valleys History Center
108 N Main St, North English

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Schlabaugh, Chair, at 6:42 PM.

- **Introductions**

The following were in attendance:

Board Members: Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Jan Anderson (At Large – City of Grinnell), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Steve Berger (Ex Officio), Mick Berg (Keokuk County).

Dave Jackson (English Valleys History Center), Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering), Kristina TeBockhorst (ISU Extension), Jessica Turba (Iowa Department of Homeland Security), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa DNR – Watershed Improvement), Kasey Hutchinson (Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation Coordinator), Steve Pedrick (French Reneker Associates), Nick Hammes (French Reneker Associates), Jody Bailey (English River Watershed Project Coordinator).

- **Additions to/Approval of Agenda**

Bailey requested to add meeting minutes from 12/14/17 to the agenda for consideration and approval.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action)**

- November 16, 2017

M/S by Berger & Kennett to approve November 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

- December 14, 2017 (teleconference)

M/S by Berger & Kennett to approve December 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

- **National Disaster Resiliency – Iowa Watershed Approach Project Partner Updates**

The following watershed updates were provided:

- a. State of the Watershed Report
Water Quality Monitoring Results from 2017 – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator
 - b. Hydrologic Assessment Update – Allen Bradley, Iowa Flood Center / IIHR
 - c. IWA Outreach Update – Breanna Shea, Iowa Watershed Approach
- Planning and Implementation
 - a) Recommendation of ERWMA Board/Staff for Engineering Services (Discussion/Action)
Bailey reviewed the Engineering procurement process and presented the review committee’s recommendation to enter into a contract with French Reneker Associates to provide engineering and design services for IWA cost share projects.

M/S by Kennett & Phillips to approve of the committee’s recommendation to contract French Reneker Associates for engineering and design services for IWA cost share. Motion passed.

- b) Contract for IWA-ERW Engineering Services (Discussion/Action)
A draft contract with French Reneker Associates for engineering and design services was presented to the Board for review and consideration of approval.

M/S by Kennett & Phillips to approve contract with French Reneker Associates. Motion passed.

- c) Introduction from French – Reneker, IWA project engineers (Discussion)

Steve Pedrick, PE, from French Reneker Associates introduced his firm and answered questions from those in attendance about their role in the IWA project.
- d) Subwatershed Planning Update (Discussion)
Bailey shared an update from Ben Curtis, Planner, who is facilitating development of subwatershed plans for the English River Watershed through HUD funding.
- e) Cost Share Update (Discussion)
Bailey updated the Board on applications received to date for cost share assistance.
- f) Poweshiek & Iowa County Review Committees (Discussion)
Bailey updated the Board that applications for cost share are being reviewed in partnership with staff and Commissioners from the Iowa and Poweshiek County SWCDs.

- **Organizational**

- **Announcements/Events**

- Watershed Management Authorities of Iowa Annual Meeting: "WMAs: Finding a path from start up to steady state."

February 21, 2018 from 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m. at Otter Creek Lake & Park near Toledo, Iowa.

Details at <http://www.water.iastate.edu/WMAiowa>.

- Iowa Water Conference, *March 21- 22, 2018*, Scheman Bldg, ISU, Ames

Details at <http://www.water.iastate.edu/IWConf>.

- 2018 Board Meetings

February 15, 2018, 6:30 PM

May 17, 2018, 7:30 PM ******(please note late start time)******

August 16, 2018, 6:30 PM

November 15, 2018, 6:30 PM

****All meetings will be at the English Valleys History Center****

- Others?

- **Adjournment**

M/S by Phillips/Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM.