



English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017
6:30 PM
Kalona Community Center
511 C Avenue

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson R. Schlabaugh

- **Introductions**

Board Members: Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Abe Miller (Vice Chair – Washington County), Mick Berg (Keokuk County), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Jan Anderson (At Large – City of Grinnell).

Others: Jody Bailey (Secretary/Project Coordinator), Ben Curtis (Project Coordinator), Larry Wilson (Poweshiek County), Doris Park, Ashley Johannes (Iowa Watershed Approach), Julie Kearney (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering), Matt McAndrew, Adam Wilke (ISU- Extension & Outreach), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Breanna Shea (Iowa Flood Center), Kasey Hutchinson (Shive-Hattery), Chris Jones (IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering)

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

November 17, 2016: M/S/ by Phillips/Kennett. Motion passed.

January 23rd, 2017 (phone conference): M/S by Miller/Kennett. Motion passed.

- **Fundraising Updates**

Ben Curtis updated the board on a recent Urban Demonstration WQI proposal the ERWMA submitted that was not successful. Additionally, the ERWMA recently partnered with students from the University of Iowa's Urban and Regional Planning program to provide a blueprint of best practices for conducting urban assessments in watershed communities.

- **Other Updates**

- Project Coordinator (Discussion/Action)

Schlabaugh updated the board on the hiring committee's consideration for hiring project coordinators for the English River watershed through the Iowa Watershed Approach project. The hiring committee formally recommended hiring of Bailey and Curtis under the grant contract.

M/S/ by Kennett/Anderson to approve the hiring committee's recommendation. Motion passed.

- Planning Services RFP with Mary Beth Stevenson (Discussion/Action)

Stevenson led the discussion on the draft request for proposals for planning services to be provided for the English River watershed through the IWA grant. The RFP will be posted on March 17.

M/S by Phillips/Kennett to approve the Request for Proposals draft and publication on the 17th of March. Motion passed.

- **Iowa Watershed Approach Project Partner Updates**

Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering) presented on the subwatershed hydrologic model he is developing, and the models capacity to site specific best management practices for maximum benefits to the watershed.

Chris Jones (also of IIHR) presented on the recently launched network of water quality sensors in rivers across the state of Iowa.

- **Announcements**

- Remaining 2017 Board Meetings:

May 18th @ 7:30 PM*, Williamsburg Public Library
August 17th @ 6:30 PM, (*tentatively* Montezuma Public Library)
November 16th @ 6:30 PM, Sigourney Public Library

*Please note late start time for May meeting

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Kennett/Phillips.

Chairperson

Date