



ENGLISH RIVER
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English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

November 21st, 2019, 6:30 PM
English Valleys History Center
108 N Main St, North English

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Abe Miller at 6:35 PM.

- **Introductions**

The following were in attendance:

Board Members: Abe Miller, Vice Chair (Alternate) – Washington County; Kasey Hutchinson, At Large – Johnson County; Mike Phillips, At Large – Poweshiek SWCD; Mark Kennett, At Large – Poweshiek SWCD; Merle Doty – Poweshiek County; Ted Oswald – Iowa County SWCD;

Staff: Jody Bailey, ERWMA Project Coordinator

Project Partners: Reuben Vyn, University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment; Colleen Kinney, Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management; Antonio Arenas, Iowa Flood Center; Kate Giannini, Iowa Flood Center; Kristina TeBockhorst, ISU Extension & Outreach

Residents: Rita MacDonald

- **Additions to/Approval of Agenda (Action)**

Bailey requested to add latest budget information to the agenda. M/S by Kennett/Phillips to approve the addition to the agenda. Motion passed.

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

- August 15th, 2019

M/S by Kennett/Hutchinson to approve the meeting minutes from August 15th, 2019. Motion passed.

- **Guest Speaker: Dr. Antonio Arenas, IIHR-Hydroscience and Engineering**

Dr. Arenas presented on the costs of reactive responses to flooding in terms of dollars, lost economic potential, and human suffering.

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

- Bailey provided updates on the NDR-IWA project, successes and challenges. To date, one bid bundle has been let, and another is anticipated to be let in mid-December. Two more bid bundles are expected after that in Spring and Summer 2020.
- Poweshiek & Iowa County Technical Assistance Applications Review and Approval – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator (Discussion/Action)

APPLICANT	APP SUBMITTED	PROJECT COUNTY	BMPS
59 - Goodman, JoGlenna	7/6/2019	Iowa	Grade stab, grassed waterway, stormwater detention basin terrace
60 - Kroger Farms, Inc.	10/15/19	Poweshiek	Pond WASCOD, buffer strip, grade stab, grassed waterway, saturated buffer, terrace, perennial cover
61 – Harris, John	11/15/19	Iowa	Terrace(s)
62 – H & H Partnership	11/15/19	Iowa	Terrace(s)

M/S by Phillips/Kennett to approve pending applications for technical assistance. Motion passed.

- **IWA Budget Update**

Bailey provided an update on the English River WMA’s current budget and expenditures through September 1, 2019.

- **Organizational**

2019 Board Elections

Jan	Anderson	At Large	City of Grinnell	Expires November 2019
Mike	Phillips	At Large	Poweshiek County SWCD	Expires November 2019
Abe	Miller	Vice-Chair	Washington County	Expires November 2019

The board members present discussed the current board terms expiring this month and interest in filling those two-year terms. Jan Anderson was not present.

M/S by Kennett/Phillips to elect Ted Oswald for the At Large position formerly held by Anderson. Motion passes.

M/S by Kennett/Hutchinson to re-elect Mike Phillips for the At Large position. Motion passes.

M/S by Kennett/Phillips to re-elect Abe Miller for Vice Chair. Motion passes.

Announcements/Events

- 2020 ERW Board Meetings
February 20th, 6:30 PM

May 21st, 7:30 PM (*Please note late start time*)

August 20th, 6:30 PM

November 19th, 6:30 PM

Board meeting locations may vary in 2020 Stay tuned!

- Others?

Adjournment

M/S by Phillips/Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by Miller, Vice Chair, at 7:30 PM.

Chairperson

Date

Notes taken by J. Bailey