



# English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

6:30 PM

Montezuma Public Library  
500 East Main St, Montezuma

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- **Call to Order**

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

- **Introductions**

Board Members in attendance:

Abe Miller (Vice Chair – Washington County), John Gahring (Iowa County), Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Kate Giannini (At Large – Washington SWCD), Steve Berger (Ex-officio), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD),

Others in attendance: Ben (Project Manager – City of Kalona/ERWMA), Jody Bailey (Secretary/Watershed Coordinator), Larry Wilson (Poweshiek County), Jamie Benning (ISU Extension), Rose Danaher (Iowa SWCD), Mel Schlachter (Iowa River Friends), Ashley Johannes (Iowa Flood Center), Julie Kearney (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa DNR), Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering), Craig Just (University of Iowa College of Engineering), Christina Munoz (University of Iowa Geography), Daryl Brager, Kate Timmerman (Iowa County NRCS), Dave Maxwell (State Representative).

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

August 18, 2016: M/S/ by Giannini/Phillips to approve the meeting minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

- **Iowa Watershed Approach Project Partner Updates**

Allen Bradley (University of Iowa IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering) provided an update on sensors that will be located in IWA watersheds around the state, and the tools they will provide for stakeholders. Jamie Benning (Iowa State University Extension & Outreach) presented on the services that ISU will be providing to the WMAs involved in the Iowa Watersheds Approach project. Craig Just (University of Iowa College of Engineering) presented on the “Resiliency” goals of the IWA project.

- **Financial Report** (Discussion/Action)

M/S/ by Gahring/Kennett to approve the financial report.

- **Elections 2016** (Discussion/Action)

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

Bailey led a discussion on the above officers whose terms are expiring in 2016. A discussion took place regarding reelecting the slate of officers above for new two year terms. M/S/ to reelect the slate above to new two-year terms (expiring 2018) by Gahring/Berger. Motion passed.

- **IWA / City of Kalona proposals** (Discussion/Action)

This topic was postponed until the February 2017 meeting due to no new updates.

- **Announcements**

- ERWMA Board Meeting dates for 2017 have been scheduled as follows:

February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM, Kalona Community Center

May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM\*, Williamsburg Public Library

August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM, *TBD (probably Montezuma Public Library)*

November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM, Sigourney Public Library

\*Please note late start time for May meeting

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Chairperson

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Date