



English River Watershed Management Authority Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015
5:30 PM

City Hall, Kalona Community Center
511 C Ave, Kalona

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ryan Schlabaugh called the Annual Meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

2. Introductions

Board Members in attendance: Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Abe Miller (Vice Chair – County of Washington), Mike Phillips (Poweshiek SWCD), Jan Andersen (At Large – City of Grinnell)

Additional ERWMA Representatives in attendance: Ryan Miller (City of Wellman), Mark Kennett (Poweshiek SWCD),

Others in attendance: Jody Bailey (Secretary/Watershed Coordinator), Mary Beth Stevenson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Watershed Improvement), Ron Slechta (Kalona News)

3. Approval of minutes (Discussion/Action)

Approval of August meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting pending completion by Watershed Coordinator, who has been on leave.

4. Updates

- a. Watershed Improvement Plan – Update and Consideration of Approval (Discussion / Action)

Bailey asked the Board to consider approval of the English River Watershed Improvement and Resiliency Plan, which was released for public comment in August. Phillips made the motion to approve the Plan, with Miller seconding. The motion carried with all ayes.

- b. WQI Proposal (Fall 2015) – Update

Schlabaugh and Bailey updated the Board that another proposal has been submitted to IDALS for WQI funds for implementation and demonstration projects in the ER Watershed. Projects selected for funding will be announced in the next few weeks.

5. Elections

The following persons were elected at this meeting to fill expiring or vacant positions on the Board, as follows:

- a) Chairperson: Ryan Schlabaugh – City of Kalona (expires November 2018)
M/S by Andersen / Phillips. All ayes. Motion carries.
- b) At Large: Ryan Miller – City of Wellman (expires November 2018)
M/S by Miller / Phillips. All ayes. Motion carries.
- c) At Large: Mark Kennett – Poweshiek SWCD (expires November 2018)
M/S by Miller / Andersen. All ayes. Motion carries.

6. Financial Report (Discussion)

The financial report was presented to the Board by Schlabaugh. The planning grant funds from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (\$149,995.00) are now expended and is being closed out, pending a final reimbursement in the amount of \$21,434.00 that the City of Kalona (fiscal agent) will be receiving. The cash balance of the ERWMA is currently \$16,183.94. It is anticipated that some of the ERWMA's member organizations will continue to support the watershed in their FY2016-2017 budgets. Some discussion took place regarding additional fundraising needs.

7. Announcements

- a. Reminder of 2016 Quarterly Board Meetings
 - Thursday, February 18th, 6:30 PM
 - Thursday, May 19th, 7:30 PM
 - Thursday, August 18th, 6:30 PM
 - Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 PM (Annual Meeting)

Bailey provided a reminder of the ERWMA's meeting schedule for 2016, and meeting times. Please note that the quarterly meeting in May will begin one hour later than usual.

- b. Bailey reminded all in attendance that the Planning Project Celebratory Open House event is happening at Kalona Brewing Company following the meeting. The Open House event was open to all ERWMA affiliates and the public.

8. Adjournment

M/S to adjourn the meeting by Miller / Andersen. All ayes. Motion carries.

Chairperson

Date

Minutes taken by J. Bailey