

English River Watershed Management Authority Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2016 7:30 PM Williamsburg Public Library 300 State St.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ryan Schlabaugh called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

2. Introductions

Board Members in attendance: Ryan Schlabaugh (Chair – City of Kalona), Jack Seward (Vice Chair Alternate – County of Washington), Mike Phillips (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Kate Giannini (At Large – Washington SWCD), Jody Bailey (Secretary/Watershed Coordinator)

Due to the HUD Disaster Resiliency kickoff event being held jointly with this meeting, there were also dozens of members of the public, and area water resource professionals present at this meeting.

3. Approval of minutes (Discussion/Action)

- August 20, 2015: M/S to approve the August meeting minutes by Seward/Phillips. All ayes. Motion passed.
- November 18, 2015: M/S to approve the November meeting minutes by Kennett/Giannini. All ayes. Motion passed.

4. Updates

• IDALS Demonstration Grant Proposal (November 2015)

Bailey updated the Board that a proposal for State Water Quality Initiative funds for implementation projects in high priority English River subwatersheds was submitted on 11/13/16.

 Schlabaugh recapped information about the Iowa Watershed Approach project and how the project was projected to benefit the English River WMA (see Agenda for the IWA kickoff event/presentation from the Iowa Flood Center just prior to this meeting).

5. Financial Report (Discussion)

- The financial report was summarized by Schlabaugh. M/S to approve the financial report by Seward/Kennett. All ayes. Motion passed.
- A discussion on the fundraising needs of the ERWMA was tabled.

6. Announcements

- Bailey reminded the Board of the remaining scheduled quarterly board meeting for 2016: August 18th and November 17th, at 6:30 PM
- Bailey introduced Mel Schlacter, Chairperson from Iowa River Friends, and asked him to briefly talk about the organization.
- Bailey presented copies of the final print of the English River Watershed Improvement and Resiliency Plan with guests and the ERWMA Board.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes taken by J. Bailey