



ENGLISH RIVER
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English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2017, 6:30 PM
Sigourney Public Library
720 E Jackson St, Sigourney, IA

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 by Miller, Vice Chair.

- **Introductions**

The following were in attendance:

Board Members: Abe Miller (Vice Chair – Washington County), Mark Kennett (At Large – Poweshiek SWCD), Mike Phillips (At Large, Poweshiek SWCD), Mick Berg (Keokuk County), Jack Seward, Jr. (Alternate – Washington County), Larry Wilson (Poweshiek County), Kate Giannini (Washington SWCD).

Watershed Staff: Jody Bailey (IWA Project Coordinator), Ben Curtis (Planner).

Adrian Holmes, Craig Just, Heather Thomas, Nick Hammes, Stephen Pedrick, Nate Anderson, Mel Schlachter.

- **Additions to/Approval of Agenda**

M/S to approve the agenda by Kennett & Giannini. Motion passed.

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

- August 17, 2017. *M/S by Phillips & Miller. Motion Passed.*

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

The following IWA project partners provided updates on work completed to date on behalf of the English River Watershed: Allen Bradley (Iowa Flood Center / IIHR), Craig Just (IIHR -- Hydroscience & Engineering), Julie Kearney (University of Iowa Center for Evaluation & Assessment), Jody Bailey (Project Coordinator).

- **Organizational**

- Board of Directors Elections (Discussion/Action)

Bailey informed the Board that there is one vacant At Large position on the board that needs to be filled. There were no candidates for the position present at this meeting. Giannini informed the Board that due to new employment with IWA, this was her last board meeting as a Washington County SWCD representative. Doris Park, Commissioner with the Washington SWCD, will be her replacement on the ERWMA Board of Directors. *Elections were tabled until a future meeting.*

- Review of cost share partnership application, application scoring matrix (Discussion/Action)

Bailey presented the revised cost share partnership application and scoring sheet for Board review and approval. *M/S by Berg/Phillips to approve the application and scoring sheets. Motion passed.*

- Convene application review committee (Discussion)

Bailey informed the board that she was seeking SWCD Commissioners/staff from Poweshiek & Iowa Counties to assist with reviewing and providing feedback on applications received.

- Engineering procurement (Discussion/Action)

Bailey updated the Board on the engineering procurement process; 10 applications were received, and the pool was reduced to 4 applications by the review committee. These applicants were asked to submit additional information by the committee and a decision was expected by mid-December. *No formal action taken at this meeting.*

- Watershed Management Authorities of Iowa (Discussion/Action)

Bailey shared information about the new Watershed Management Authorities of Iowa organization and asked the board to consider whether or not they would like the English River WMA to join, and to designate an appointee to represent the ERWMA at WMAs of Iowa meetings. *M/S by Miller/Berg to participate in WMAs of Iowa, and to send the Project Coordinator as the ERWMA delegate to meetings. Motion passed.*

- Meeting locations (Discussion/Action)

A discussion took place about changing the venue for ERWMA Board meetings to a centralized location in the watershed and keeping meeting location consistent. Suggestions were provided (Millersburg Fire Station, North English Community Center) and Bailey said she would explore the feasibility of these locations and secure a new meeting spot for 2018 ERWMA Board meetings. *No formal action taken at this meeting.*

- **Announcements**

- 2018 Board Meetings
February 15, 2018, 6:30 PM

May 17, 2018, 7:30 PM ******(please note late start time)******

August 16, 2018, 6:30 PM

November 15, 2018, 6:30 PM

- Landowner / Tenant Introductory Meeting – December 12th, Lake Iowa Nature Center, 6:00 PM (This meeting was cancelled a week after the ERWMA Board meeting due to unforeseeable circumstances)

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Chairperson

Date

Notes taken by J. Bailey