



ENGLISH RIVER
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English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2021

9:00 AM

Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by Ryan Schlabaugh, Chair.

2. Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

- Board Members: Ryan Schlabaugh, Chair – City of Kalona; Jack Seward, Vice Chair – Washington County; Merle Doty, Poweshiek County; Ted Oswald, At Large – Iowa County SWCD; Kasey Hutchinson, At Large – Johnson County; Mike Phillips, At Large – Poweshiek SWCD
- Staff: Jody Bailey, ERWMA Project Coordinator
- Project Partners: Kate Giannini, Iowa Flood Center; Valerie Decker, University of Iowa Center for Evaluation and Assessment
- Guests: Joe Klingelhutz, Sustainable Iowa Land Trust; Laverne Logan

3. Additions to/Approval of Agenda (Action)

Bailey requested to add a no action item regarding the City of Parnell under Organizational

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action)

- 5/20/2021

M/S by Seward and Oswald to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

5. Guests

- a. Joe Klingelhutz, SILT (Sustainable Iowa Land Trust)

Joe Klingelhutz shared information with the board about SILT and the free services he provides for landowners seeking to farm specialty crops and meats and wanted to get the word about the services. This service is being provided in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Services. Bailey followed up with the board after the meeting with contact information for Joe.

6. Organizational (Discussion/Action)

A: Expiring 2-year terms

Ted	Oswald	At Large	Iowa SWCD	Expires November 2021
Mike	Phillips	At Large	Poweshiek SWCD	Expires November 2021
Jack	Seward	Vice Chair	Washington County	Expires November 2021

Elections were held to fill three expiring terms on the ERWMA Board:

- M/S to re-elect Oswald to a two-year term (expiring at the end of 2023) by Seward and Phillips. Motion passed. Oswald abstained.
- M/S to re-elect Phillips to a two-year term (expiring at the end of 2023) by Seward and Oswald. Motion passed. Phillips abstained.
- M/S to re-elect Seward to a two-year term (expiring at the end of 2023) by Oswald and Phillips. Motion passed. Seward abstained.

Marcus Felder, new Washington County Supervisor, will serve as the Washington County alternate.

B: Budget Discussion with Ryan Schlabaugh, Board Chair

- Schlabaugh, Chair, led a short discussion with the Board regarding the upcoming end of the IWA grant and possible funding needs to keep the ERWMA moving forward.

7. National Disaster Resiliency – Iowa Watershed Approach Updates

A. Cost Share Updates (as of 11/16/2021) – Jody Bailey, Project Coordinator

- Bailey updated the Board on progress made in the current Iowa Watershed Project. All funds are committed, and all pending projects have gone out to bid. Those projects include a total of 403 total structures (13 ponds, 2 buffer strips, 311 WASCObS, 22 grassed waterways, 11 storm water detention basins, 14 terraces, 11 wetlands, 11 grade stabilization structures, and 8 prairie plantings).
- The breakdown of projects between the priority subwatersheds are as follows: 88 structures in Poweshiek County, and 315 in Iowa County.

B. Bid Bundles & Construction Timeline

- Bailey updated the board on the completion status of project bid bundles. The following contracts have been closed out: Divisions 1 & 2 (\$449,515.29): Stek Earthmoving; Division 4 (\$618,885): Hammes Bulldozing; and Division 5 (\$268,442): Leffler Dirtworks.
- The following contracts are in progress: Division 3 (\$209,860): Maxwell Tiling; Division 6 (\$357,167): Seaton Construction; Division 7 (\$197,128): Stek Earthmoving; Division 8 (\$316,164) Schrader Tiling, and Division 9 (\$350,213) Leffler Dirtworks.

C. FEMA Grant Application(s)

- Division 10 (\$800,000) has been tabled in the IWA project due to lack of funds. We waiting to hear back on our application to FEMA for funding to cover these projects.

D. IWA Budget Update

- Approximately \$1,598,697 remains to be spent down on the \$5.4 million Iowa Watershed Approach grant. Most of these funds are committed to current construction underway this fall.

	Budget	Expended	Balance
Administration	\$105,560	\$105,560	\$0
Design & Construction	\$4,145,394	\$2,803,551	\$1,341,843
Model/Sensors	\$757,596	\$570,705	186,891
Watershed Coordinator	\$375,000	\$305,037	\$69,963
Watershed Planning	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$5,483,550	\$3,884,853	\$1,598,697

8. Announcements/Events

- 2022 ERW Board Meetings
 February 17th
 May 19th
 August 18th
 November 17th

9. Adjournment

M/S to adjourn the meeting by Oswald/Seward at 9:48 AM. Motion passed.

Chairperson

Date

Notes taken by J. Bailey