



ENGLISH RIVER
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English River Watershed Management Authority Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2021

9:00 AM

Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 by Ryan Schlabaugh, Chair.

2. Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members: Ryan Schlabaugh, Chair – City of Kalona; Mick Berg, At Large – Keokuk County; Jack Seward, Vice Chair – Washington County; Mike Phillips, At Large – Poweshiek SWCD; Ted Oswald – Iowa County SWCD; Kasey Hutchinson, At Large – Johnson County; Steve Berger, City of Wellman; Deb Conrad, Iowa SWCD

Staff: Jody Bailey, ERWMA Project Coordinator

Project Partners: Jeff Geerts, Iowa Economic Development Authority; Kyle Ament, Iowa Department of Natural Resources; Kate Giannini, Iowa Flood Center; Valerie Decker, University of Iowa Center for Evaluation and Assessment;

3. Additions to/Approval of Agenda (Action)

Bailey stated that the board vacancy topic was on the agenda was erroneously listed as a discussion-only item when it should have been identified as a discussion *and* action item.

M/S by Berg and Phillips to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion/Action)

- 2/25/2021

M/S by Seward and Berg to approve the February 2021 meeting minutes.

5. Organizational (Discussion/Action)

- Board Vacancy – At large term, through November 2022

Bailey updated the board on a remaining board vacancy due to the untimely death of Mark Kennett and a discussion with Steve Berger prior to the meeting about serving out Mark's. Berger was willing to serve pending board approval.

M/S by Oswald and Phillips to appoint Steve Berger to the vacant At Large position on the board. Term expires November 2022.

6. National Disaster Resiliency – Iowa Watershed Approach Updates

- A. Bailey provided updates on the Iowa Watershed Approach project. IEDA has approved a 6-month construction extension until June 2022. To date, 487 total structures have been engineered for the project, consisting of 17 ponds, 3 buffer strips, 371 WASCObS, 28 waterways, 17 storm water detention basins, 17 terraces, 12 wetlands, 14 grade stabilization structures, and 8 prairie plantings. Ten more structures have been cancelled since February.

The following bid packages have been completed: Divisions 1 & 2 (\$449,515.29): Stek Earthmoving, Division 4 (\$618,885): Hammes Bulldozing, Division 5 (\$268,442): Leffler Dirtworks.

The following bid packages are under construction: Division 3 (\$209,860): Maxwell Tiling, Division 6 (\$357,167): Seaton Construction, and Division 7 (\$197,128): Stek Earthmoving

The following bid packages remain to be bidlet: Divisions 8 & 9 (\$422,600 and \$467,000), which should go out to bid in Summer 2021. Division 10 (\$800,000) has been tabled in the IWA project due to lack of funds. The English River WMA has applied for FEMA grant funds to build these projects, but there are no updates on the status of the grant applications at the time of this meeting.

- B. Valerie Decker from the U of I Center for Evaluation and Assessment solicited board members to provide input on the Iowa Watershed Approach project via the Center's recent survey.

- C. IWA Budget Update

	Budget	Expended	Balance
Administration	\$105,560.00	\$102,880.00	\$2,680.00
Design & Construction	\$4,145,394.00	\$2,362,613.00	\$1,782,781.00
Model/Sensors	\$757,596.00	\$543,654.00	\$213,942.00
Watershed Coordinator	\$375,000.00	\$290,689.00	\$84,311.00
Watershed Planning	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$5,483,550.00	\$3,399,836.00	\$2,083,714.00

7. Announcements/Events

- 2021 ERW Board Meetings
 August 19th – virtual – time TBD
 November 18th – format and time TBD

8. Adjournment

M/S by Berg and Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

 Chairperson

 Date

Notes taken by J. Bailey