



**MUD, CAMP, & SPRING CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
407 EIGHTH STREET SE, ALTOONA, IOWA**

**January 9th, 2019
1:30 PM**

Attendees:

WMA Members:

*Madeline Sturms – City of Pleasant Hill
Don Sandor – Polk SWCD
John Horton – City of Bondurant
Vern Willey – City of Altoona
Skip Dunbar- City of Runnells
Bob Rice – Polk County*

Others:

*Jennifer Welch- Polk SWCD
John Swanson – Polk SWCD
Craig Clarkson – Snyder & Associates
Cliford Leonard- Public
Clint Miller- NRCS
Chris Widmer- City of Pleasant Hill
Karen Oppelt- City of Altoona
Mario Fenu- Houston Engineering
Russ Wilkins - Landowner
Adam Fenderick – PCCB
Kyle Riley – Polk County
Tyler Stubbs- Iowa DNR
Jim Utter- City of Altoona
Allison Van Pelt- MPO*

1. Welcome/Introductions – *Madeline Sturms, Chair 2:31*
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. *Skip Dunbar 1st, Vern Willey 2nd*
 - b. *Agenda approved*
3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. *October 11th, 2018 meeting minutes up for approval.*
 - b. *Vern Willey 1st, Skip Dunbar 2nd*
 - c. *Minutes approved*
4. Executive Committee Elections
 - a. *New officers*
Chair: Bob Rice- Polk County
Vice Chair: John Horton- Bondurant
Treasurer: Don Sandor- Polk SWCD
Secretary: Vern Willey- Altoona

Past Chair: Madeline Sturms- Pleasant Hill

5. Stream Buffer Ordinance Discussion

a. Jurisdiction Updates

Madeline Sturms shared that Pleasant Hill met two weeks ago and they are moving forward with updates following recommendations of the new methodology. Next steps following updates is internal staff review. They plan to adopt update in February of 2019.

Kyle Riley stated that Polk County is also working on updating their ordinance to the same methodology. Unlike other jurisdictions, Polk County does not have the mapping completed. They plan on mapping as needed in the future when development occurs that would be impacted by the ordinance.

Altoona is currently looking at making the stream buffer a policy rather than an ordinance. Vern Willey that these changes are still under discussion and they are working to get it passed.

John Horton updated the group that Bondurant has passed the new ordinance and it is currently in place.

6. Implementation Update

a. Polk SWCD

John Swanson informed the group that the year-end review meeting went very well. A few highlights from the last year were the completion of the H&H study with the Army Corps of Engineers, the education series put together by the Capital Crossroads Local Government Collaborative, and funding acquisition for projects at Metro Waste Authority. Things are also wrapping up with watershed stream buffer mapping and John mentioned that he plans on sharing the Mud Camp Spring method with the Walnut Creek WMA at their quarterly meeting.

Moving into 2019 John informed the group that Metro Waste Authority is planning construction of their Camp Creek wetlands for Spring. Another landowner upstream of Metro Waste has also has plans to install a wetland with a partnership utilizing NRCS funds. Work is also continuing with the Capital Crossroads partnership. In late 2018 the group met with the Home Builders Association to discuss new stormwater ordinances. In 2019 the goal will be to work with a regional group of city staff to draft an updated post construction stormwater ordinance for the region.

b. MPO

Allison Van Pelt informed the group that the MPO has continued working on the Polk County Hazard Mitigation Plan update and that they are currently working with cities on their project submittals. She stated that this is a great opportunity to get flood control and other hazard projects on the county list for possible future funding opportunities.

c. WMA Jurisdictions

John Horton informed the group that the City of Bondurant has begun working with a consultant to develop a city wide stormwater plan.

7. Other comments/discussion

8. Next Quarterly Meeting; January 9th, 2019

Altoona City Hall

9. Adjourn

Vern Willey 1st, Madeline Sturms 2nd, 2:12 pm

Upcoming Meetings

Council of WMA's

2:00 February 11th, 2019

Polk County Public Works