



**MUD, CAMP, & SPRING CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

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

**JANUARY 13, 2016
1:30 PM**

Attendees: Vern Willey, Karen Oppelt, Loren Lown, Mark Arentsen, Madeline Sturms, Skip Dunbar, Dan Beougher, Jane Clark, Jennifer Welch, Amanda Brown, Bob Rice, Kyle Ament, Ryan Peterson, Mark Land, Kyle Riley, Amanda Oswald

1. Welcome – Vern Willey, Chair
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. *October 14, 2015 meeting minutes up for approval*
 - b. *Dan Beougher 1st, Bob Rice 2nd*
 - c. *Minutes Approved*
3. Officer Elections
 - a. Current Officers
 - i. Vern Willey – Chair
 - ii. Madeline Sturms – Vice Chair
 - iii. Bob Rice - Secretary
 - iv. Dan Beougher – Treasurer

Bob Rice motioned to keep the existing officers in the same positions for another year, Skip Dunbar 2nd, all were in favor.

4. 2016 Meetings – Dates/Times/Locations

The general consensus of the group was to keep a consistent time and day for the quarterly meetings held in January, April, July, and October. Currently, the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm has been in place and Vern Willey motioned to move the time to 1:30PM, Bob Rice 2nd. It was also decided that the Executive Committee meeting would be held on February 18th, the week before the first proposed public meeting to discuss content.

5. Watershed Management Plan Discussion – *Mark Land*
 - a. Stakeholder Process Update

- i. *Mark Land gave an update on the planning process. He discussed what has been done in the past few months and what is scheduled to be complete to meet the deadlines of the IDNR funding.*
 - b. **Quadcopter Flights**
 - i. *Several areas were targeted for quadcopter flights conducted by RDG. These videos can be used for educational purposes, such as in a public meeting setting. These areas include a “good” area on Spring Creek and three “less than good” areas on Mud, Camp, and Spring Creeks. These videos were taken at about 150 feet off the ground. Based on feedback from the stakeholders, they also wanted videos taken closer to the ground to better see details.*
 - ii. *Kyle Riley showed the group the first quadcopter videos from Camp Creek.*
 - iii. *Ryan Peterson with RDG brought raw footage of the newer quadcopter videos taken from about 50 feet off the ground on Camp and Spring Creeks. These videos will be edited and annotated.*
 - c. **Implementation Plan**
 - i. *Mark Land asked the group if they were okay with moving forward on the Final Watershed Management Plan, based on the work that has been done on the Implementation Plan. The general consensus of the group was to move forward. Several attendees suggested developing a summary of the spreadsheet to present at the public meeting and to other watershed residents, which will be developed through this process.*

6. Public Meeting Planning – All Attendees

- a. Possible Dates
- b. Content
- c. Website

Based on prior stakeholder and WMA meetings, the suggestion has been to hold a public meeting at SE Polk High School. The attendees would be able to have a hands-on experience along Spring Creek, showing them areas that need attention and areas of good practices. Jennifer Welch suggested having two meetings. The first meeting could be at an inside location and the second one at SE Polk. The group agreed that this was a good idea. The first will be held as an informational, open house type meeting on February 25th from 4:30-6:30, location pending (possibly the Bondurant Library or Altoona Fire Department). For the second meeting, Madeline Sturms will be working with SE Polk to secure a time and place with an indoor meeting place and outdoor space, which will allow a hands-on aspect and present the Final Plan. The proposed date and time is May 12th from 4:30-6:30 but could change based on availability. The funding from Metro Waste Authority will be used for public meeting purposes, as well as for website development. The WMA was awarded a \$2,500 reimbursable grant and a Final Report must be submitted to MWA by June 30, 2016 to receive reimbursement.

Additional Information

- *Bob Rice discussed the progress in buyouts, which includes a property on Mud Creek, north of 38th and south of the golf course, that was bought out based on FEMA funding. Polk County is also seeking to acquire the adjacent property, where water quality monitoring will be setup.*
- *January 19th is the 2016 Iowa Conservation Partnership Day from 10 am to 3 pm at the Capitol in Des Moines, where Iowa WMAs will have booths and be represented. Jennifer Welch will be in attendance.*
- *On February 3rd, there will be a Watershed Management Authority Coordination meeting from 10 am to 3 pm, where the regional WMAs will be collaborating.*
- *Amanda Brown discussed the IDALS funding that PSWCD was awarded for water quality initiatives in Fourmile Creek, Walnut Creek, and Mud, Camp, and Spring Creek Watersheds. The main objective of this initiative is to engage landowners and farmers, educate them on the nutrient reduction strategy, and promote the implementation and effectiveness of conservation practices specific to their land through small scale demonstrations. New and existing practices will be utilized, especially saturated buffers, bioreactors/edge of field practices, and cover crops.*

7. **Adjourn**

- a. *Mark Arentsen 1st, Dan Beougher 2nd*
- b. *Vote to adjourn*