

Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority
December 7, 2022, 10:00 AM
Roland Community Center – 208 N Main St., Roland, IA
Also available via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members - Linda Murken (Story County), Dalton Johnson (City of Roland), Brian Lammers (Hamilton County), Alisha Bower (Story County SWCD), and Tim Gartin (City of Ames – via Zoom).

Non-voting – Catherine DeLong (ISU Extension), Kimberly Grandinetti and Laura Johnston (Story County Environmental Health), Marianne Harrelson and Sara Carmichael (Story County Conservation), Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames), Kate Hansen (Center for Rural Affairs), Jathan Chicoine (local farmer), Adam Rupe and Matt Mardensen (JEO Consulting Group).

1. Meeting is available for public viewing via Zoom.
2. **Call To Order** – by Murken at 10:04 AM
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance and via Zoom
4. **Approval Of Agenda** – MOTION by Bower, SECOND by Johnson. MCU.
5. **Approval Of Minutes** – August 31, 2022 – MOTION by Johnson, SECOND by Gartin. MCU.
- 6I. **New Business – Adopting (Accepting) The Watershed Management Plan** – Adam Rupe with JEO Consulting Group reviewed the major highlights of the plan and comments received after the open houses. There were 28 attendees at the two open house meetings and a couple of them provided comments. Other comments were received from some of our partner members. Mr. Chicoine would like to participate in future improvements to the watershed and has offered his farm as a possible demonstration site. Adam received some more monitoring data and was able to update some of the information in the plan. He added a section on riparian buffers BMPs. All of the updated plan documents are available on the JEO website. MOTION by Gartin, SECOND by Johnson. MCU.
- 6II. **Consideration Of Next Steps For The WMA** – A lengthy discussion took place regarding what the next steps are for the WMA. It was determined that some initial next steps will include the following: presenting the plan to each of the city/county entities included in the HW WMA; review what we have learned from the presentations; review the Technical Team and partners list for updates and develop a plan to get more information to them; create an advisory council or task force of farmers and landowners; creating targeted handouts and next steps document; and work on acquiring funding to hire a grant writer or Watershed Coordinator.
7. **Public Comments** - None
8. **Next Meeting** – February 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Roland Community Center
9. **Adjournment** – at 12:01 PM