

Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority
February 16, 2023, 10:00 AM
Roland Community Center – 208 N Main St., Roland, IA
Also available via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members - Linda Murken (Story County), Nathan Hovick (City of Roland), Brian Lammers (Hamilton County), Erik Christian (City of Story City), 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, Sara Carmichael, and Mike Cox (Story County Conservation), Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames), Dalton Johnston (City of Roland), Jathan Chicoine (land owner), Jeff Schroeder (Ioway Creek WMA – via Zoom), and Rick Dietz (citizen – via Zoom).

1. Meeting is available for public viewing via Zoom.
2. **Call To Order** – by Murken at 10:06 AM
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance and via Zoom
4. **Approval Of Agenda** – MOTION by Christian, SECOND by Hovick. MCU.
5. **Approval Of Minutes** – August 31, 2022 – MOTION by Gartin, SECOND by Lammers. MCU.
- 6l. **Old Business – Set Date To Elect New Officers And Review Bylaws** – We will elect new officers at the next meeting.
- 7l. **New Business – Review Action Steps** – At the last meeting, a lengthy discussion took place regarding what the next steps are for the WMA including presentations, Technical Team review, discussions with Ioway Creek WMA, funding for Watershed Coordinators, and results of the Dec. 7, 2022 planning meeting. Carmichael presented the plan to most of the member jurisdictions and shared what she learned from those meetings. Lammers attended all of the meetings in Hamilton County and shared the information that he gathered. Murken would like to have representatives or alternates of each jurisdiction attending the WMA meetings. Some of the members at the meeting will contact those jurisdictions about future attendance. Members discussed the Technical Team membership and will talk to some possible partner agencies about adding more participants. Currently, the Edge of Field program that Carmichael is leading, is reaching out to Story County land owners asking to survey their land for potential installation of saturated buffers and bio-reactors. IDALS would like to implement this same program in Hamilton County. Cox asked the group to review the Short-Term Action items (pages 185-190) in the plan and be prepared to discuss and make assignments at the next meeting. It was determined that we need to continue educating our members along with general community outreach and outreach among specific target areas. Murken would like to develop a focus group of champion farmers that could work with the WMA to promote conservation practices. Carmichael and Cox indicated that we should have a small group get with Story and Hamilton County's NRCS and SWCD to help the WMA find these local producers and farmers. Murken mentioned working with the Ioway Creek WMA and that she and some of those members and other county supervisors, spoke with our State Legislator, Representative Shannon Latham, regarding the funding needs for Watershed Coordinators. She was very interested in the efforts but was optimistic about funding this year. This will be a long, slow process to get accomplished.
8. **Public Comments** - None
9. **Next Meeting** – April 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Roland Community Center.
10. **Adjournment** – at 11:53 AM – MOTION by Hovick, SECOND by Christian. MCU.