

Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority

December 13, 2023, 1:30 PM

Roland City Hall – 120 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), Linda Wild (City of Randall), Mark Tjelmeland (Story County SWCD), and Tracy Peterson (City of Ames).

Non-voting – Marianne Harrelson, Sara Carmichael, and Mike Cox (Story County Conservation), Laura Johnston (Story County Environmental Health), Cynthia Farmer (Center for Rural Affairs), Catherine DeLong (ISU Extension), Kyle Ament (Iowa DNR), Jathan Chicoine (farmer/landowner), Mark Jabobs (Houston Engineering), Todd Sutphin (Iowa Soybean Association), and Chris Kahle (Iowa DNR via Zoom).

1. Meeting is available for public viewing via Zoom.
2. **Call To Order** – by Murken at 1:34 PM
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance
4. **Approval Of Agenda** – MOTION by Tjelmeland, SECOND by Wild. MCU.
5. **Other Reports** –
Todd Sutphin, Conservation Program Lead with the Iowa Soybean Association spoke to the board about directions for what is next with the WMA plan and some possible funding sources.

Chris Kahle, Floodplain Mapping Coordinator/CTP Program Manager with the Iowa DNR, presented information about Two-Dimensional Base Level Engineering (2D BLE). This program is being developed for flood risk awareness by the DNR and FEMA, but it has a lot of conservation applications that might be useful for the WMA for mitigation and technical assistance.
6. **Approval Of Minutes** – April 20, 2023 – MOTION by Hovick, SECOND by Peterson. MCU.
7. **Updates/Old Business**
- 7I. **October 19, 2023 Meeting Summary** – Deferred to the February meeting.
8. **New Business**
- 8I. **Approve Headwaters WMA Brochure** – Due to time restraints, please send any comments to Sara Carmichael.
- 8II. **Discussion and Consideration of Watershed Authorities’ Letter To Legislators** – Due to time restraints, members approved as a group to send the letter out to Legislators in the WMA area. All members were invited to attend the WMA day at the Capitol on January 29th.
9. **Public Comments** – Jathan Chicoine offered to present to the members of the WMA about an oxbow restoration project that he is moving forward with on his property and requesting a letter of support for the project.
10. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Roland City Hall.
11. **Adjournment** – at 3:33 PM. MOTION by Peterson, SECOND by Lammers.