

**Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority**  
**February 21, 2024, 10:00 AM**  
**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), Linda Wild (City of Randall), Mark Tjelmeland (Story County SWCD), and Erik Christian (City of Story City).

Non-voting – Marianne Harrelson and Sara Carmichael (Story County Conservation), Kimberly Grandinetti and Laura Johnston (Story County Environmental Health), Kyle Ament (Iowa DNR), Jathan Chicoine (farmer/landowner), Kurtis Bower (City of Roland), and Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames via Zoom).

1. Meeting is available for public viewing via Zoom.
2. **Call To Order** – by Murken at 10:40 AM (official meeting could not begin at 10 AM due to quorum)
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance
4. **Approval Of Agenda** – MOTION by Hovick, SECOND by Christian. MCU.
5. **Other Reports** –  
Jathan Chicoine with Native Prairie Bison, LLC spoke to the board about restoring native prairie, oak savanna, and other native ecosystems with a bison family herd. He is also in the process of creating an oxbow restoration on his property. In a prior meeting, Jathan had asked for a letter of support for some of his projects. The board decided to make a general motion to allow the HW WMA Board Chair to write a letter of support in the future for Jathan if needed. MOTION by Hovic, SECOND by Wild. MCU.
6. **Approval Of Minutes** – December 13, 2023 – MOTION with one correction by Christian, SECOND by Hovick. MCU.
7. **Updates/Old Business**
- 7I. **October 19, 2023 Meeting Summary** – The board reviewed the notes and discussed which items are in process or have been completed and what still needs to be done. Members also discussed House Bill HF2614.
- 7II. **Approve Headwaters WMA Brochure** – Members discussed the brochure and where it should be handed out or promoted. MOTION by Wild, SECOND by Christian. MCU.
8. **New Business**
- 8I. **Update On The WMA Day At The Capital And Possible Planning Session This Summer.**
- 8II. **2024 Iowa DNR County Creek Sign Grant Program.** This has already been done in Story County. The board would like to see if Hamilton County would be interested.
9. **Member Updates**
10. **Public Comments**
11. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Roland City Hall. Christian will check on touring a site in Story City. Discussion on the ways to communicate with the HW WMA (email, website, Facebook, list of resources/contacts, who manages, etc.), and statewide WMA representation.
12. **Adjournment** – at 11:56 PM. MOTION by Peterson, SECOND by Lammers.