

**Joint Meeting of the  
Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority  
and  
Ioway Creek Watershed Management Authority  
November 19, 2024, 1:00 PM  
Gilbert/Franklin Community Room – 105 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Gilbert, IA**

Attendees: \*= Both Headwaters and Ioway Members

Voting Members for Headwaters – \*Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames), Kurtis Bower (City of Roland), Dalton Johnston (City of Roland), Brian Lammers (Hamilton County), \*Cindy McCollough (Hamilton County SWCD), \*Linda Murken (Story County), Mark Tjelmeland (Story County SWCD), and Linda Wild (City of Randall).

Voting Members for Ioway – \*Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames), Austin Hayek-via zoom (Webster County), \*Cindy McCollough (Hamilton County SWCD), \*Linda Murken (Story County), Seldon Spencer (Story County SWCD), and Kelly Wirtz (City of Stanhope).

Technical Team Members – Kyle Ament (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Sara Carmichael (Story County Conservation), Cynthia Farmer (Center for Rural Affairs), Kimberly Grandinetti and Laura Johnston (Story County Environmental Health).

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2. **Call To Order** – by Murken at 1:06 PM. Mark Tjelmeland, Kimberly Grandinetti and Laura Johnston joined at 1:13PM, Kurtis Bower and Dalton Johnston left at 2:18 PM, Brian Lammers left at 2:30 PM.
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance.
4. **Approval Of Headwaters Agenda** – MOTION by Lammers, SECOND by D. Johnston. MCU.  
**Approval Of Ioway Agenda** – MOTION by Spencer, SECOND by Hayek. MCU.
5. **Approval Of Headwaters Minutes** – October 2, 2024 – MOTION by Wild, SECOND by Albrecht. MCU.
6. **Old Business – Review Of Decisions Made At Last Meeting** – Try joint meetings for a while, repeat members.
7. **Organize Our Joint Efforts – Linda Murken And Seldon Spencer**
  - 7.I. **Review Current Membership**
    - [Headwaters Members](#): fulfilled
    - [Ioway Members](#): 3 still unfilled (Stanhope mayor is now filled. Will have city council appoint Wirtz, need Boone County and Webster SWCD (Murken will follow up); Terry Bryant for Stratford? (Spencer will follow up)
    - Meeting minutes for any new appointees should be sent to Sara Carmichael.
  - 7.II. **Review Bylaws And 28E Agreements**
    - Headwaters (good)
    - Ioway 28E: Revision/Bylaws for the next meeting
  - 7.III. **Election Of Officers** – Need to elect every July. Must elect officers separately.
    - Murken: 1 Chair (same) for both WMAs and 2 Vice-Chair (different) for each WMA. Everyone agreed. She agreed to be chair for the rest of the fiscal year.

Approval of Linda Murken as loway Chair – MOTION by Selden, SECOND by McCollough. MCU.  
Approval of Linda Murken as Headwaters Chair – MOTION by Albrecht, SECOND by D. Johnston. MCU.  
Approval of Selden Spencer as loway Vice-Chair – MOTION by McCollough, SECOND by Albrecht. MCU.  
Approval of Erik Christian as Headwaters Vice-Chair – MOTION by Wild, SECOND by Tjelmeland. MCU.

We agreed to appoint Secretaries for both WMAs – Sara Carmichael (Story County Conservation) and Joy Cory (Story County Administrative Assistant).

Hayek commented there needs to be a Treasurer since loway has it in their bylaws.  
Approval Of Austin Hayek as loway Treasurer – MOTION by McCollough, SECOND by Spencer. MCU.

#### **7.IV. Communication**

- Posting Agendas And Minutes: Shown where to find it on Story County [website](#). Agenda's will be sent out by email by Cory.
- All WMA plans, bylaws, and 28E's can be found on the Iowa DNR website
- Carmichael will update the Water Quality: Watershed Awareness [site](#) on the Story County Conservation webpage.

#### **8. Goals For Upcoming Legislative Session – Cynthia Farmer**

- Reviewed the 2024 election results and which party received the majority. House: 67 R, 33 D. Senate: 35 R, 15 D.
- Committee Chairs not identified yet, hopefully before Christmas.
- Senator Dawson from Council Bluffs could potentially bring forward IWILL funding.
- Will send out a survey to all WMA's asking what their interest for the next legislative session.

#### **9. Goals For Watershed Work**

Discussion:

- Spencer wants groups to have a purpose and one achievable project. Potential focus would be cover crops.
- Murken said there are plenty of resources available, but not in one place. Some resources include Iowa State University, Practical Farmers of Iowa, and Megan Volkens with IDALS.
- Wirtz mentioned education is a big piece that is missing.
- Wild said we should make contact in south part of Hamilton and focus on finding landowners and tenants.
- McCollough said that Long Dick Creek is a priority watershed for Hamilton SWCD.
- Other ways to find/recruit farmers: ad's in paper, co-op annual meeting, management companies, Women in Ag group.

Things to complete before next meeting

- In the Headwaters WMA plan, review [Chapter 6: Education Plan](#).
- Review Baker and DeLong's presentation on [Landowner Education](#).

#### **10. Member Updates**

#### **11. Public Comments – None. No public members**

#### **12. Next Meeting – Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am - 12:00pm at Randall, Iowa**

- Ament can present on Hamilton Watershed work he completed in 2022.

#### **13. Adjournment – at 11:50 AM.**