

Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority
October 7, 2021, 2:00 PM
Fairview Lodge – Story City, IA
Also available via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members - Linda Murken (Story County), Nathan Hovick (City of Roland), Erik Christian (City of Story City) and Gregg Wright (City of Randall). Amber Corrieri (City of Ames) via Zoom

Non-voting – Dustin Albrecht (City of Ames), Brian Lammers (Hamilton County Conservation), Ben Gleason (Iowa Corn Growers Association), Sara Carmichael (Story County Conservation), Kimberly Grandinetti (Story County Environmental Health), Rick Young (Hamilton County), Kate Hansen (Center for Rural Affairs), Marianne Harrelson (Story County Conservation), Adam Rupe (JEO Consulting Group), and Mike Heller (JEO Consulting Group). Kyle Ament (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Seldon Spencer (Ioway Creek WMA Board Chair), Laura James (Beaver Creek WMA Coordinator), Catherine DeLong (ISU Extension), and Leanne Harter (Story County) via Zoom.

1. Meeting is available for public viewing via Zoom.
2. **Call to Order** - by Murken at 2:05 PM
3. **Roll Call** – Introductions of all in attendance and via Zoom
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes** – August 23, 2021 – MOTION by Hovick, SECOND by Christian. MCU.
6. **Update On Revised 28E Agreement** – No update at this time.
- 7I. **JEO Update on Watershed Study** - Mike Heller and Adam Rupe, with JEO Consulting Group, updated members and others in attendance of watershed planning process. Adam provided a timeline schedule of the six tasks of the process. Future meetings need to be planned on an approximate bi-monthly basis to keep the process on schedule.
- 7II. **Review and Give Feedback on Goals** – Adam provided a draft vision statement and draft goals and asked for any suggested changes. Members in attendance provided feedback and Adam will incorporate them into a final version to be adopted at the next meeting. Then we will need to make these goals “SMART”.
- 7III. **Review and Discuss Sample Case Studies** – Adam provided some additional information regarding case studies. Part of the process is to identify and develop case study reports that can assist in future implementation and allow for some initial projects to get a jump start on the implementation process. There are two types of case studies, recently completed projects that should be replicated, or project ideas that need to be assessed. Adam provided examples of some past and current case studies. Attendees provided information on other projects that have recently been implemented in the area including drainage district issues.
- 7IV. **Discuss Planning to Involve Stakeholders** – A working draft copy of the Boone River WMA Stakeholder Involvement Plan was attached to the agenda. Adam reviewed an overview of the contents of the plan. Modifications were noted for individuals on the Technical Team and a unique stakeholders list needs to be

established. Members were asked to send possible stakeholders contact information to JEO and they will get the list updated and a draft document compiled. Mike indicated that they could develop a press release to send out that would formally announce the WMA, potentially including some of the goals, what the WMA is, etc. to get the community involved. The members could send the press release to their local newspapers and other community newsletters. Adam showed an example of a stakeholder map that they created for another WMA. This type of map could be distributed to the public to show them that stakeholders involved are their neighbors and there is representation from across the watershed.

- 7V. Review of Next Steps** – Some tentative items for the next meeting agenda are general updates, finalize the case studies list, goals, and stakeholder plan and then to start discussions on the BMP priorities. Members were asked to provide JEO with input on items that were discussed at this meeting and to continue to recruit stakeholders. Murken indicated that if we need to make additions or changes to the Technical Team, we need that information prior to the next meeting to get them added to the meeting agenda.
- 8. Other Reports/Next Steps** - None
- 9. Public Comments** - None
- 10. Next Meeting** – scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM at the Roland Community Center.
- 11. Adjournment** – at 3:57 PM. MOTION by Wright, SECOND by Christian. MCU.