

Headwaters of the South Skunk River, Watershed Management Authority
May 25, 2022, 10:00 AM
Erickson Park Shelter House – 110 North Park St., Roland, IA
Also available via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members - Linda Murken (Story County), Nathan Hovick (City of Roland), Alisha Bower (Story Soil and Water Conservation District), and Tim Gartin (City of Ames via Zoom).

Non-voting – Neil Weiss (City of Ames), Mike Cox (Story County Conservation), Kimberly Grandinetti (Story County Environmental Health), Brian Lammers (Hamilton County Conservation), Kate Hansen (Center for Rural Affairs), Catherine De Long and Julian Canabal-Rodriguez (ISU Extension), Kyle Ament (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Marianne Harrelson (Story County Conservation), Dalton Johnston (City of Roland), Megan Volkens (IDALS), Adam Rupe and Amelia Long (JEO Consulting Group), and Dan Haug (Prairie Rivers of Iowa).

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 Bower, SECOND by Hovick. MCU.
5. **Approval Of Minutes** – March 30, 2022 – MOTION by Hovick, SECOND by Bower. MCU.
- 6I. **Update On 28E Agreement Revision** – Murken stated that the revised 28E Agreement has been sent to all of the jurisdictions to sign, notarize, and return back to Leanne Harter. Once those are all received, she will record the document with the Story County Recorder's office and then file it with the Secretary of State.
- 7I. **JEO Project and Schedule Update** – Adam Rupe reviewed the items that he will be covering at today's meeting. Amelia Long will be giving an update on ACPF mapping and Adam will discuss finalizing the Priority Areas and Chapters 6 and 7. He will provide a brief introduction the Long-term Implementation Plan (Chapter 5). He would like all members to be thinking about the Public Open House – when to schedule the meeting and how the members can help staff the meeting and assist with educating the public. Amelia reviewed the information she gathered from the ACPF mapping on the four HUC 12's that the members requested. The information gathered from this ACPF mapping will be accessible on Story Map.
- 7II. **Finalize Priority Areas** – Long Dick Creek and Keigley Branch were identified as the priority areas for this project. They represent about 27% of the overall watershed and an opportunity for both Story County and Hamilton County to be engaged. They also have some of the highest levels of nitrogen and E. Coli levels. These priority areas will become part of the action and implementation plans. Kyle Ament will be conducting some field work in this area and will provide some detailed information regarding tillage types, cover crops, sediment phosphorus, and soil loss.
- 7III. **Finalize Short-Term Action Plan (Chapter 7)** – The action plan is focused on the first five-year timeframe. A draft list of items for the action plan was handed out. After the last meeting, Adam sent out an online survey for members to vote for what they determined should be the highest priority in each category. The results were included in the hand out and he added them to the draft action plan. He reviewed those results and members gave suggestions/comments for changes on some of the action items. Adam will make those changes and update the draft action plan.

- 7IV. Working Session On Education Plan (Chapter 6)** – Adam reviewed the draft education plan and asked members to provide comments and he will make the edits and send out an updated draft for review again.
- 7V. Introduction To The Long-Term Implementation Plan (Chapter 5)** – This is a 20-year “road map” of what should be or can be done at the watershed level. It also provides a lot of the background information on strategies, a tool box of BMP’s, watershed targets, and cost estimates.
- 8. Other Reports** - None
- 8. Public Comments** - None
- 10. Next Meeting** – Scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 10:00 AM in Roland.
- 11. Adjournment** – at 12:56 PM.