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Watershed Assessment Group Minutes  
Administration Building Public Meeting Room and Zoom  
Date: June 20, 2022

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Committee members present: Mike Cox, Leanne Harter, Sara Carmichael, Scott Wall, Keith Morgan, Linda Murken, Amelia Schoeneman (virtual), Matt Boeck (virtual)

Carmichael called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM.

## I. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve – Morgan moved, Harter seconded

## II. Review Meeting Notes from prior meeting – March 2, 2021

Motion to Approve – Cox moved, Harter seconded

## III. Old Business

### a. Review and Edit Implementation Matrix: BOS Approval

- Harter and Carmichael brought the update Matrix to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 19. The BOS approved the updates.
- Cox asked about the budgeted money for 2.12 (\$175). Harter responded that is for Fourmile WMA.
- It was presented to the Conservation Board by Cox and Carmichael on March 7.
- Harter asked about timing for 5-year review and suggested looking at Fall to review/update.
- Carmichael: Do we want to go from the 2018 delivery of the assessment of 2020 when the group was formed to do the 5-year review?
- Harter: Should be brought forward during the Capital Improvement Project (CIP)
  - o \*From March 2, 2022 meeting
    - Cox discussed how we should look at hiring a consultant to review the matrix and create measurable outcomes. Would look at putting this action in CIP and asking for budget money. Suggests this process could start in a couple of years.

## IV. New Business

### a. Leanne/Sara WAWG Position

- Harter will be taking on new projects/programs for the county so will step back from leading group. Carmichael will now take lead on scheduling/agenda/minutes and implementing projects for this group.
- Harter is no longer primary appointee for the three WMA's (Headwaters, loway, and Fourmile) 2.12 but she will still be part of 2.13 (Erosion Control and Stormwater Management), 2.14 (Floodplain Management), and 3.2 (Story County Infrastructure).

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- Harter will still help finalize the Headwaters WMA 28E Agreement. Working to get signatures from Hardin County. Cox will follow up with Hardin to make sure BOS will sign-on.

## V. Staff Updates and Assignments

- Murken: We should dive back into the matrix and figure out what we can and cannot do. Pick 2-3 things from matrix and try to accomplish them. Update on Headwaters WMA: everyone seems to be engaged with completing the assessment which should be done by end of year. Need to figure out coordination of projects/programs and who will lead after report is finalized.
- Wall: Two main drainage ditch clean-outs (Hamilton/Story and Grant 5)
  - o Murken: Where are we on the Dotson clean-out? Wall: Bolton and Menk would like to have conversations with Boone County because of damaged tile.
- Schoeneman: finishing Natural Resource Ordinance and will plan to present to Conservation Board on July 11. Would like to do some public outreach once approved.
- Boeck: Attended conferred and Josh Obrecht asked about an update to the ACPF data. Carmichael will follow up and see what might have been updated and if we need to do anything to our data.
- Cox:
  - o Anderson Access streambank stabilization project should be done this week. Had minimal damage from 4in rainfall last week. It is ARPA funded and may need a slight increase to budget. Harter asked if the contractor is registered with SAM.gov (ARPA information is funneled through this database).
  - o Attended water quality monitoring meeting with full Prairie Rivers of Iowa partners last week. Data is being collected and analyzed. Found out through the Spring Snapshot that nitrate runoff amounts to \$11/acre loss. Need to capitalize on that information and bring it forward to farmers/landowners.
- Morgan: Will be retiring at end of month. Send off will be 6/30 from 2-4PM. Addressed the stormwater runoff event and how it's adding water to aquifers.
- Carmichael
  - o Edge of Field program is moving forward with 22 install sites this year and 36 surveys conducted this Spring for next year.
  - o Story County Soil and Water Conservation District approved funding for three more water quality backpacks. Will contact waitlist to see what other sites can be monitored.

## VII. Other Items Not on the Agenda - none

## VI. Next Meeting Time and Date

- Carmichael will send out doodle poll for August/September timeframe

## IX. Adjournment – adjourned at 3:51 PM motion by Murken, Second by Morgan