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Watershed Assessment Working Group Minutes
Ames Water Treatment Plant
Date: September 18, 2023
Recording: N/A

Committee members present: Leanne Harter, Sara Carmichael, Scott Wall, Kimberly Grandinetti, Darren Moon, Andrea Wagner, Joby Brogden

Group was given a tour of the Ames Water Treatment Plant from 9-10AM. Carmichael called the meeting to order at 10:05AM in the conference room at the treatment plant.

I. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to Approve – Grandinetti moved, Harter seconded. Approved.

II. Review Meeting notes from June 5, 2023

- Motion to Approve – Wagner moved, Grandinetti seconded. Approved.

III. Old Business

a. Manure Crossing Permit

- Moon discussed the updates and that there have been about 15 sites that have applied for the permit. Every time they want to pump they will need to get a permit. Wall – is there an incentive to get the permit? Moon – to not get flagged and issued a citation/fee. Grandinetti – can Matt create a layer of site locations to help county employees know where pumping permits are needed? Moon will check with Boeck.

b. Drainage Wetlands Study

- Carmichael gave an update on the multiple meetings she has had with Murken and Crystal Rink, the county attorney to discuss logistics about joining the study. Murken is fine to move forward with a resolution saying the county is supportive of the study, but we will not move forward with a 28E until Crystal reviews.

IV. New Business

a. Fall Water Monitoring Snapshot – Sept 19

- Carmichael gave an update that the county will be participating in the snapshot event that Prairie Rivers of Iowa (PRI) is leading along with Polk County. All data is entered into the Clean Water Hub and PRI will generate a report.

b. Winter Salt Watch Applicator Training

- Discussed the interest of having this new training by ISWEP offered to county employees. There was a little interest and Carmichael will move forward with the City of Ames and ISWEP in planning a training.

c. October – Watershed Awareness Month

- i. Ames Eco Fair – Sept 30th 9AM-1PM

- Story County Conservation will have a table at the eco-fair with the flood model.

d. Mitigation Bank Project

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- Carmichael gave an update on the mitigation bank feasibility study and will be going out in Sept to do site visits of county property. Moon – will the bank credits be private sale or county owned? Carmichael – both options are open, but will confirm with Cox and the study team.

V. Staff Updates and Assignments

- N/A

VI. Other Items Not on the Agenda

- N/A

VII. Next Meeting Time and Date

- December/January – Carmichael will select a date and learning opportunity.

IX. Adjournment – adjourned at 10:40PM by Wall, seconded by Harter.