

Watershed Working Group (Group)
March 27, 2019 9:00 am

Attendees: Mike Cox, Leanne Harter, Margaret Jaynes, Darren Moon, Jerry Moore, Linda Murken, Scott Wall

- Meeting convened at 9:00 am
- Motion to ammend agenda to vote on chair and vice chair. First: Jaynes Second: Cox (MCU)
- Motion for Harter to be the chairperson for the Group. First: Cox Second: Jaynes (MCU)
- Motion for Cox to be the vice chairperson for the Group. First: Harter Second: Moore (MCU)
- Discussed Murken being an ex-officio (non-voting Group member) as per Ethan Anderson's advice. Harter will put this on the BOS agenda, and add to the presentation for the Boards and Commissions.
- Harter will post a BOS agenda item, to add Scott Wall, Darren Moon, and Keith Morgan to the Group.
- Deb Shildroth emailed the Group that Ethan Anderson recommended the Group's meetings be considered open meetings, subject to the open meetings laws.

Agenda items:

- I. Review Meeting Notes from prior meeting – March 7, 2019
 - Submitted by Cox, reviewed by Group. Changed 4.d. from 2.8 to 2.9
- II. Goal Statement Review
 - We all agree with the wording
- III. Discussion of organization of materials on County's website
 - No changes until BOS approves. Harter will present options to website review committee and then to BOS for approval. Discussed making the materials more visible, possibly using the “?” (about Story County) front-page link. Harter shared links with good websites.
 - Harter will check how many hits on the various county website pages.
- IV. Review updated Implementation Matrix
 - There are three Matrix documents:
 - Original adopted public version matrix 12/18 (will become obsolete after it updates).
 - Working Group (Excel spreadsheet). To be used by Group, not submitted to Boards.
 - Public version, titled “Implementation Matrix Watershed Assessments” to be updated and submitted to BOS annually as part of the C2C document. Format of the document cannot change. Harter and Cox will determine what content changes have been made to the original 12/18 version and incorporate into the presentation.

- Cox changed Group matrix 3.1 Notes to read “Analyze all drainage ditch maintenance and improvement projects for potential water quality practices”.
- There are a few updates on the Group matrix folks’ initials in the Staff Lead column (assignments made at the 3/7/19 meeting)
- BOS April 2018 agenda will include the updated Implementation Matrix Watershed Assessments matrix adoption.
- BOS May 2018 agenda will include the updated C2C adoption which includes the adopted Implementation Matrix Watershed Assessments matrix.
- Partners (section7) to be changed to Potential Partners in the Implementation Matrix Watershed Assessments matrix.
- The Implementation Matrix, Organization section shall be changed from “will meet quarterly” to “will meet at least quarterly”.
- Partners list shall be alphabetized, and the following partners added:
 - Iowa Corn Growers Association (ag quality monitoring, watershed planning)
 - Iowa Rural Water Association (outreach, source water protection planning)
 - Izaak Walton League (monitoring, outreach)
 - Practical Farmers of Iowa (agricultural practices, outreach)
 - Iowa Farm Bureau (agricultural practices, outreach)
 - Pheasants Forever (outreach)

V. Review Schedules

- Planning and Zoning Commission – April 3rd
- Story County Conservation Board – April 8th
- Board of Health – April 2nd
- Board of Supervisors – April 16th

VI. Presentation Materials for Upcoming Meetings

- Harter developed a PowerPoint for presentation to Boards and Commissions. She will make the Group’s recommended changes from the meeting.

VII. Staff Updates

- Wall reported that he reviewed the Drainage Districts files and determined there are no contracts for the engineered projects, only agreements.
- Moon reported that if a Drainage District project is too big for the County to handle, he contacts Bolton & Mink, who subcontracts with a Watchman Service for the county.
- Cox mentioned the One Water concept where all aspects of managing water come together.
- Cox and Jaynes will reach out to Izaak Walton League to see what their “Save Our Streams” program is about, and contact Susan Heathcoat about training opportunities.
- Murken asked Cox and Jaynes to organize a working group for water monitoring. Jerry Keys is getting cost estimates on test kits. Cox will contact Prairie Rivers.
- Jaynes reported on the DNR’s voluntary Source Water Protection Program. The program’s three phases include assessment, planning, and implementation. As per the DNR website, seven municipalities, including Story City, Roland, Gilbert, Slater, Huxley, Cambridge, and Maxwell have Source Water Protection Plans. Six

municipalities, including McCallsburg, Zearing, Ames, Nevada, Colo and Collins do not have plans. Jaynes will contact Ames to determine the status.

- Moore reported that the Stormwater ordinance will be on the May 2019 Planning & Zoning Commission agenda. There have been changes to the current draft ordinance, and Moore will copy county folks for review. Before the Commission meeting, he plans to hold a couple joint meetings with environmental conservationists and developers. Moore was advised to get a mediator, possibly Nancy Franz or someone from ISU Extension.

VIII. Set Next Meeting Time and Date

- Friday, April 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Admin Conference Room B – 2nd Floor
- Agenda items to include:
 - Review notes
 - Review meetings
 - Staff updates

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.