

Watershed Working Group  
August 9, 2019 9:00 am  
Public Meeting Room – Second Floor  
Story County Administration Building  
Nevada, IA 50201

Attendees: Matt Boeck, Leanne Harter, Margaret Jaynes, Darren Moon, Jerry Moore, Keith Morgan, Linda Murken, Jerry Keys, and Scott Wall. Guests were Dan Haug and Penny Brown Huber from Prairie Rivers of Iowa.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Murken and seconded by Moore. MCU.

Review Meeting Notes from June 14, 2019 meeting, and no corrections noted.

### **Presentation – The Top 10 Uses for Stream Monitoring – Dan Haug**

Dan from Prairie Rivers of Iowa presented about stream monitoring. Polk County is monitoring 70+ sites. He discussed WMA education and clean water testing and getting elected officials involved. The pros and cons of engaging young people was discussed. Squaw Creek is not on the impaired list. Water testing can be useful to help find and fix problems (i.e. sewer leak) and learn where pollution happens. Polk County tests water chemistry bi-weekly and invertebrates once a year.

Water quality can change very quickly. Huber mentioned that there is a lot of testing going on, but it is not coordinated. They would like to work towards that goal, however. Murken inquired about what the plan was for the data that is being collected – who is getting it? Group discussion about how to collect data and what to do with that data followed. Prairie Rivers participates in a working group with Story County Conservation and the City of Ames that meet quarterly. There was discussion about the goals of this committee and the need to develop a sustainable plan. Developing partners and good working relationships is key. Prairie Rivers may receive a grant to assist with their goals. Keys discussed the IOWATER program that was cancelled a few years ago and the lessons we can learn.

### **Update on IDALS meeting**

Murken gave an update on the meeting she attended in Fort Dodge. There are still some unanswered questions, but the concept looks good.

### **Implementation Matrix**

Harter handed out the Implementation Matrix that the working group will review at the next meeting.

**Learning Moment: None**

There was no Learning Moment at this meeting.

**Staff Updates**

Moon – None

Wall – None

Moore – None

Boeck – None

Jayne – None

Morgan – None

Harter – None

Murken – They are working to get stormwater management ordinance adopted.

**Next Meeting and Date**

- 9:00 am on October 18th

Possible agenda items and Learning Moment

Notetaker: Boeck

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.