

## Watershed Assessment Working Group Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2019

Board Conference Room A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Story County Administration Building, Nevada

Group members present were: **Leanne Harter, Margaret Jaynes, Keith Morgan, Jerry Moore, Mike Cox and Linda Murken. Absent: Matt Boeck, Darren Moon and Scott Wall.**

### Meeting started at 9:00 AM

- I. Approval of Agenda – **Unanimous approval of agenda**
- II. Review Meeting Notes from prior meeting – August 9, 2019 – **Linda Murken indicated that the minutes should be revised to reflect the statement by Jerry Keys, Story County Conservation, about the work they had done to create a mission statement regarding water quality monitoring. Keith Morgan concurred that Jerry’s statement covered nearly 90% of the Watershed Assessment Working Groups goals for water quality monitoring.**
- III. Old Business
  - a. County Website Updates - **Leanne handed out a page with two different water symbols that she prepared to be used to represent the button the general public will use to access Watershed Assessment Working Group information. The consensus of the group was we liked the smaller water drop with the dark background.**
  - b. Board of Supervisors Update – Follow-up – **At a previous Board meeting a few Board members requested that minutes and other information from the Watershed Assessment Working Group be made available to the general public. There was a consensus that we were following the County Attorney’s advice to post agendas prior to meetings and that the group is still in its infancy and that we were still trying to figure out our direction, however the general public was welcome to come to the meetings.**
- IV. New Business - **None**
- V. Staff Updates
  - a. Staff Working Copy of Implementation Matrix – To Be Used for Updates – **Leanne handed out separate Implementation Matrix sheets for Jerry Moore, Margaret Jaynes and Linda Murken. Jerry indicated that the Board adopted the Stormwater and Erosion control ordinance amendment and that he has not worked on any of the remaining Action Steps yet where Planning and Development is listed, however suggested that he intended to work on the outreach portion regarding the ordinance amendment. Linda supported Jerry working on the outreach item. Leanne suggested that she, Mike and I get together to work on a strategy for outreach that will include communicating to cities in the County about adopting the model ordinance prepared by EOR and working with federal and state authorities on ways to incorporate stormwater management in municipal infrastructure projects. A discussion ensued about a future development in the County and comments Linda received about how it might further degrade Squaw Creek. There was discussion among the group about this. Mike suggested that prior to larger subdivision developments getting photos of the creeks downstream as a baseline and continue to monitor. Jerry stated he thought it was reasonable for Planning and Development Department to do this when a**

development application is submitted. Leanne talked about proposed flood plain ordinance amendments. She also talked about the need to start the discussion of a Watershed Management Authority for Indian Creek especially now with the recent CAFO's being constructed north of Nevada and Nevada's future waste water treatment plant. Linda talked about a recent Squaw Creek Watershed Management Authority meeting and pretest kits that Prairie Rivers of Iowa submitted a grant for water quality monitoring. Margaret talked about an item the Environmental Health Board requested her to monitor the water quality for all three recent CAFO's. Margaret handed out a sheet with specific information about the various items being monitored and she indicated overall the water quality wasn't too bad. Discussion ensued about whether future inspections were planned. Margaret said the land application of mature will be the activity that will likely need to be monitored compared to the actual hog facilities. She indicated though that the Environmental Health Board had concerns of potential leaking concrete waste pits. Margaret talked about the work of Nancy Hall and monitoring human waste levels from septic systems in Ames, South Squaw Valley, Gilbert, Boone County lagoon, mobile home park in Boone County and College Creek. Mike went through his Action Steps tasks and talked about some the discussions he has had about banks, streams and wetlands. He said they received mitigation bank money and he will do a learning session to the group on this topic. Linda expressed her interest in this topic. He said the consultant working on sensitive areas in the County will be releasing a report next spring. He also mentioned the \$6,000 grant Prairie Rivers of Iowa received for water quality monitoring.

- VI. Other Items Not on the Agenda - **None**
- VII. Set Meeting Time – **Leanne agreed to send out meeting invites to everyone for the next meeting date.**
- VIII. Adjournment – **10:35 AM**