

**Watershed Assessment Group Minutes**  
**Story County Administration Building, Public Meeting Room**  
**June 15, 2020**

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Present were Darren Moon, Matt Boeck, Jerry Moore, Margaret Jaynes, Mike Cox, Linda Murken, Leanne Harter, and Sandra King

Harter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Cox moved, second by King, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Learning Moment**

Mike Heller provided an overview of mitigation banking. The slide presentation given is below.



Story County  
Mitigation Banking Presentation.pdf

**Review Meeting Notes from Prior Meetings**

Meeting notes from February 13, 2020 were tabled.

**Old Business**

Website Update Schedule

Harter noted work is behind schedule due to other projects and COVID-19 response.

**New Business**

Murken commented that we should remain cognizant that schedules and work has been focused on other areas.

Harter noted that she will add the discussion of the Chair to the next meeting's agenda.

**Staff Updates and Assignments**

Boeck shared that he has added searching functionalities to the webapps and those will be presented at a future meeting for review and feedback.

Moore addressed Item 2.6 – Sensitive Environmental Areas, noting that staff continues working on updating the Natural Resources Areas. In addition, staff is developing a flow chart for the new stormwater regulations. He commented they would still like to get out with community groups and organizations and the building and development community to present the ordinance.

Jaynes shared she has been attending water quality monitoring program meetings organized by Prairie Rivers. She participated in the Squaw Creek snapshot and has been reviewing some of the testing results. Jaynes noted an upcoming public hearing on a proposed CAFO.

Cox reviewed some of the materials that have been shared at the water quality meetings. He commented on the sensitive area work and mentioned Conservation could review layers when Planning and Development is ready. Cox noted that work on the water quality monitoring plan continues and hopefully can begin volunteer recruitment later this summer; there is virtual training available online. Monitoring continues at TELC and, to date, all results are within acceptable limits. He reviewed a meeting with a landowner adjacent to SCCB lands and potential water quality project along the Skunk River.

Murken addressed changes to Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment membership as a result of legislation signed by Governor Reynolds. She commented that the CAFO is scheduled to be done via Zoom, and if that is successful, suggested it could be used for the septic ordinance and drainage district meetings.

Harter questioned whether Moore had any information on the new floodplain maps. No updates were noted.

Cox commented that there is an areas of streambank work along the Skunk River north of 150<sup>th</sup> that Conservation is reaching out to the IDNR for design and funding assistance.

**Other Items Not on the Agenda**

Moore commented that the recent passing of HF2512 removed the County’s ability to review potentially agriculturally exempt projects and that could have potential impacts for other departments that review permit and other applications.

**Next Meeting Time and Date**

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Following a motion by Jaynes, second by King, Harter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Lawrie Harter