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Watershed Assessment Group Minutes  
Administration Building Public Meeting Room  
Date: August 4, 2021

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Committee members present: Amelia Schoeneman, Scott Wall, Matt Boeck, Keith Morgan, Leanne Harter, Andrea Wagner, Mike Cox, Sara Carmichael, Kim Grandinetti

Leanne Harter called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

## **I. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve – Wall/Morgan (MCU)

**II. Learning Moment** – Carmichael presented on the Impaired waters program and listings in Story County. Wall will provide a learning moment on drainage district law at the next meeting.

## **III. Review Meeting Notes from prior meeting – June 24, 2021**

Motion to Approve – Cox/Morgan (MCU)

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Monitoring Update**

Cox gave the status of the current water quality monitoring efforts. Monitoring is currently comprised of lab analysis on 15 sites throughout the county, lab analysis on a snapshot event in May, and volunteer monitoring at 20 sites throughout the county.

### **B. Headwaters WMA Update**

Cox stated that the WMA Board and Technical Team have had one meeting with the consultants. Future WMA meetings will continue to be joint between Board, Technical Team and consultants. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Story City Library.

### **C. Edge of Field program Update**

Cox stated that the City of Ames is willing to serve as Fiscal Agent for this project and that approximately 20 sites are scheduled for design. A request has been submitted for use of ARP funds for this project. Cox is drafting a funding agreement with the City of Ames.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Potential Use of ARP funds for water quality**

Cox explained that current guidance gives eligibility to water projects which are eligible for State Revolving Fund. Thus, potential water quality projects include: edge of field project, streambank stabilizations, land acquisition, oxbow restoration, McFarland Lake sediment forebay construction, and Hickory Grove Park wastewater treatment system. Harter mentioned that parks and recreation use are eligible based on current guidance. This may include recreational trail improvements and water trail improvements.

## **VI. Staff Updates and Assignments**

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Schoeneman updated the group on staff certifications, development of a pond building checklist, and of two potential developments in the Headwaters.

Morgan discussed the need for some interagency coordination of drought plans for drinking water utilities.

Boeck discussed his ability to make maps for group members.

Wall briefed the group on the INREC 7 Counties Water Quality Project Landowner Meeting. He also updated the group on Grant #5 drainage district discussions between some landowners and the City of Ames.

Grandinetti asked group members what information they would like her to provide.

Carmichael updated the group on her activities which have included orientations and familiarization with current watershed plans.

Cox gave an update on the Prairie View wetland, discussions with Ames on new wellhead development, and the Hickory Grove wastewater project.

Harter gave an update on the Community Rating System.

**VII. Other Items Not on the Agenda – none**

**VIII. Next Meeting Time and Date**

Next meeting scheduled for 10 AM on October 14, 2021. Following meetings will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Adjournment**