

Draft Minutes
Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority
September 15, 2015 Regular Meeting, 6:00PM
Charles City Public Library, Zastrow Room

Chair Sherman Lundy called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Self-introductions were made, and attendees are included on the sign-in sheet attached hereto and made a part hereof, including board members. A quorum was confirmed.

AGENDA: Stephen Main moved and Roger Gigler seconded approval of the agenda. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Rick Bodensteiner moved and Joel Wikner seconded approval of the June 16, 2015 full board meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Stephanie Surine of the Iowa Geological Survey presented on recently completed quads for Mitchell County (New Haven/Uphams Slough) and Bremer County and implications for use by UCWMIA.

Chair Lundy explained the MN Clean Water Tour September 21-23, 2015 organized by Iowa State Rep Chuck Isenhardt.

Marybeth Stevenson explained next phase in Resource Conservation Partnership Program. Marybeth will forward info as it becomes available. Charles City will take the lead explaining how communities downstream can benefit from practices.

October 1, 2015 there will be a partner conference call organized by Marybeth. Details to follow when scheduled. Letters of Support listing either monetary support or in-kind outreach will be requested.

Beaver Creek Project update was given by Dennis Sande with pictures taken earlier in the day by Dennis Carney. Suggested a future meeting be held at Colwell Community Center and tour this project.

Mayor Erb reported TNC project is wrapping up.

Chair Lundy requested members identify three to five projects that fit our umbrella and submit a short description/explanation to Karen kal@myomnitel.com to be organized and when dollars become available we can look through this file and apply.

Next meeting December 8, 2015 6pm at Charles City Library.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:30pm: Rick Bodensteiner moved and Stephen Main seconded. Motion Carried.

Karen Damjanovic
Secretary

Maya Erb

Subject: 2015 Conservation Innovation Grant
From: Alan Kemp <AlanKemp@iowaleague.org>
Date: 9/15/2015 9:30 AM
To: ILOCBoard <ILOCBoard@iowaleague.org>

League Executive Board -

United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced this morning that the Iowa League of Cities is one of the recipients of a 2015 Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG). The League will be receiving a grant totaling \$700,000 to be spent over the next three years to fund the development of a Water Quality Trading Program. The League is excited to be leading this effort in Iowa as environmental compliance is an ever increasing issue that cities face. We believe this conservation innovation grant will accelerate the development of a water quality offset system that is an extremely important collaboration between urban water and waste water systems and rural agricultural producers. While an offset system in Iowa does not address the entire water quality needs for the state, we believe that such a system can act as a catalyst to incentivize further nutrient reduction for Iowa's rivers and lakes. A copy of the League's press release is attached. There will also be an article published in the Des Moines Register highlighting these efforts.

Dustin Miller has worked extremely hard over the past year leading this effort. It has been his relationship building and advocacy that made this grant award possible and will lead to the development of a program that will be not only beneficial to cities, but improve water quality. Later this week Dustin will be attending and participating at a National Workshop on Water Quality Markets hosted by the EPA and the USDA in Lincoln, NE. This is a highly technical issue, so feel free to reach out to Dustin if you have questions at (515) 883-0925.

Given the scope of this grant, staff will present an amended budget for the current fiscal year at the November board meeting and provide an overview of how this grant will be administered.

Later today I will also have information to send you on the National League of Cities media event that is being held in conjunction with the League's Annual Conference & Exhibit in Cedar Rapids to launch their presidential election campaign efforts.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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— Attachments: —

CIG Grant Press Release 09 10 2015 Final.doc

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Time</u>
Stephen Main	Waverly & Bremer SWD	5:45pm
Dennis Carney	Floyd Co SWCD	5:45pm
Sherman Lundy	B.H. City SWD's	5:50 PM
Randy Miller	Chickasaw Co SWD	5:50 PM
Kip Laake	Bremer	5:50pm
Jim Erb	Mayor, Charles City	5:50 P.M.
Roger Cyle	city council Nashua	5:50 PM
Stan Walk	mitchell Co Bus	5:51 pm
Rick H. Hobbs	Chickasaw Co. BUS	5:52 pm
Eric Bodensteiner	City of Osage	5:54
Doug Ball	Pheasants Forever	
Mark Kuhn	Floyd Co Smp	5:57
Nick Longburro	Nature Conservancy	5:58
JOEL WIKNER	City of POWELL	5:59
Kurt Horst	USPA - NRCS	
Dennis Sande	USPA - NRCS	
Mary Beth Stewenson	IONR	
Karen Dempinovic	Mitchell County	5:45
STEPHANIE SURINE	IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	6:00

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Bryanna Zimmerman	Iowa Flood Center	6pm.
Dennis Sande	NRC S	6PM
Tim Zoll	CHICKASAW	6:20pm

Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority
Board of Directors – Alpha Listing 9-16-19

1. Ken Abrams
2. Gerald Beaver
- ~~3.~~ Rick Bodensteiner
 1. alternate Jerry Dunlay
4. Erik Butler,
- ~~5.~~ Dennis Carney
- ~~6.~~ James Erb
 1. alternate Tom Brownlow
7. Tom Geise,
 1. Alternate Doug Berger
- ~~8.~~ Roger Gigler,
- A 9. Tom Heidenwirth
10. Eric Jellum,
 - ~~1.~~ Alternate Karen Damjanovic
11. Deb Johnson,
12. Rick Juchems,
- ~~13.~~ Mark Kuhn,
- ~~14.~~ Kip Ladage
15. Ron Lenth,
 1. Alternates Kip Ladage, and/or Chris Triplitt,
- ~~16.~~ Sherman Lundy
- ~~17.~~ Stephen Main
- A 18. John Miller,
19. Vern Fish,
- ~~20.~~ Randy Miller,
21. Charlie Newman,
22. Roger Rustad
23. Amanda Skjeie
- ~~24.~~ Stan Walk
 1. alternate is Bob Marreel
- ~~25.~~ Joel Wikner
 1. alternate Larry Farley
- ~~26.~~ Tim Zoll,
 - ~~1.~~ Alternate Rick Holthaus,

(DJ)