

**Draft Minutes**  
**Upper Cedar Watershed Management Improvement Authority**  
**September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting, 6:00PM**  
**Charles City Public Library, Charles City IA**

Chair Mark Kuhn called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Attendees are included on the sign-in sheet attached hereto and made a part hereof, including board members:

A quorum was confirmed. The sign-in sheets are attached and made a part of these minutes.

AGENDA: Sherman Lundy made a motion to approve the agenda. Second John Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 17, 2014 regular meeting need to be recreated and sent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark led an overview of discussion of the July 8, 2014 Executive Committee conference call of Bylaws recommendations.

**BYLAWS CHANGES:**

Page 2 Article II regarding Proxy – Susan explained

    Sherman Lundy made a motion to adopt change in Proxy. Second Tim Zoll. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Page 3 Article V change annual meeting from “In May to held during the second quarter of the calendar year.” No discussion. Motion by Rick Juchems to accept this change. Second Stan Walk. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Page 4 Article VI

    D. Duties 4. insert “when applicable”, Mark explained since we have no money treasurer has nothing to report. Motion by James Erb to accept additional wording. Second Steve Main. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

    E. 1. John Miller made a motion to amend the proposed change and add wording “of Directors” after Board. Second Steve Main. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Sherman Lundy made a motion, “...Board of Directors of the need to elect a new officer.” Second Rick Bodensteiner. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Page 5 A. Tim Zoll made a motion to add wording, “when applicable,”. Second Sherman Lundy. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Page 5 Article VIII

    B. Change wording, “the second quarter of the calendar year.” Is connected to Article V B. Approved previously.

This concluded discussion of Bylaws. Changes will be made and a new version will be signed and posted to the website.

**IOWA FLOOD CENTER REPORT:** Sara Steussy and Dennis Sande updated the group on progress with the Beaver Creek project being conducted by the Iowa Flood Center. There is a plan to let bids for all six projects in February 2015. They are still modeling and collecting data to determine what increased infiltration in the watershed can accomplish. Dennis said projects will involve 1) flood control/storage and 2) tile water flowing into a shallow basis which should trap sediment and improve water quality. Mark said Floyd County signs the contracts, which are administered through NIACOG, and there is a lot to comply with. They took bids to do the environmental assessment and are awaiting SHIPO approval. They needed to hire an appraiser. Sara handed out a “Hydrologic Assessment of the Upper Cedar River Watershed.”

**WMA PHASE II PLANNING GRANT REPORT:** Sarah Duffy, Amber Converse and Eric Thompson from MSA showed a power point and handed out a draft of “Upper Cedar River Watershed Management Plan.” An electronic link will be provided. They requested completion of a survey from each UCWMIA board member to assist with identifying broad priorities and specific priorities. A watershed map was provided. Adam Kiel from the Iowa Soybean Association said their group is focusing on Beaver Creek, trying to get a handle on where to implement practices. Similar work is being conducted in Rock Creek, which is much flatter. Beaver has more slop and it’s easier to build structures. A nitrogen and phosphorus map is based on data compilation. The project deadline is in December and the draft shows this is well on its way to meeting the deadline.

**THE NATURE CONSERVANCY REPORT:** James Erb reported on collaboration with The Nature Conservancy. A meeting was held 10/29/14 to introduce concepts and set the stage for next steps.

**2015 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE:** Sherm Lundy said WMAs need a funding source to implement practices, and suggested coordination occur among WMAs to promote this need to Iowa’s legislators. Marybeth Stevenson from the DNR reported there are currently 10 WMAs, with new ones being formed in the Wapsie and Upper Iowa watersheds. John Miller suggests talking with legislators between now and the start of the legislative session. Marybeth has a list of WMAs and will provide it to enable connecting with other groups.

**CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED COALITION REPORT:** Marybeth Stevenson reported the group is hosting a meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Waverly civic center from 1-4 PM. The agenda is still being planned, but the theme is “Selling Solutions That Work.” The Iowa Water Conference will be held March 3-4, 2015, and will include a WMA focus.

**MEMBER WATERSHED UPDATES:** Kip has also joined the Wapsie WMA; their process of getting started reminds him of where the UCWMIA started over two years

ago. Adam Kiel reported that the Des Moines Register is doing a feature on activities of farmers in the Rock Creek Watershed, so watch the Des Moines Sunday Register for this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Next meeting will be December 9, 2014 5:30 pm in Charles City. Sherm requested that the agenda include a Legislative Day for Watersheds and establishment of a technical committee.

Sherm Lundy made a motion to adjourn. Second Erik Butler. All Ayes. Motion Carried  
Meeting adjourned 7:58pm

**Regular Board Meeting**  
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NAME	REPRESENTING	CONTACT
<del>Gerald Beamed</del>	St. Ansgar City Co.	
Ken Leckage	Bremor County SWCD	
<del>Karen Dammit</del>	W. Fork SWCD	
Jim Zoll	Chickasha	
Tom Erb	Charles city	
Steve Main	Waverly	
Joel Wikner	DENVER	
Blake Franzen	Plainfield	
Erik Butler	Worth SWCD	
<del>Rob Jenkins</del>	Butler SWCD	
J. Kanwalk	MITCHELL Co BOS	
Rob Bodenstern	Osage	
Staci Schulte	Chickasaw Co.	
Demis Sando	NRCS	
John Miller	Black Hawk County	
ERIC ATOMPSON	MSA	
AMBER CONVERSE	MSA	
SARAH DUFFY	MSA	
<del>Jim Leckage</del>		
KURT HOUST	NRCS	

