

MINUTES
Watershed Planning Advisory Council
August 30, 2010 – 1 p.m.

Location:

Metro Waste Authority
 1st Floor Conference Room
 300 East Locust Street
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Member Attendance:

Organization	Member Name or Delegate
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	John Dunn
Iowa League of Cities	Jessica Hyland Harder
Iowa Association of Business and Industry	Scott Ickes
Iowa Water Pollution Control Association	Jay Brady (absent)
Iowa Rural Water Association	Emily Piper
Growing Green Communities	Tom Hadden
Iowa Environmental Council	Linda Kinman
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Rick Robinson
Iowa Corn Growers Association	Gary Edwards (absent) Rodney Williamson (delegate)
Iowa Soybean Association	Roger Wolf
Iowa Pork Producers Council	Jeff Schnell
Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Iowa	Darrell Weems
Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	Chuck Gipp
Department of Natural Resources	Bill Ehm
Iowa Conservation Alliance Seat 1	Jeremy Rosonke
Iowa Conservation Alliance Seat 2	Rich Meyer (absent)
Iowa Drainage District Association	Vicki Stoller
Senate Seat 1	Dick Dearden
Senate Seat 2	David Johnson (absent)
House of Representatives Seat 1	John Beard
House of Representatives Seat 2	Betty DeBoef

Guests:

Deb Kozel (LSA), Greg Nalley (USGS), Robert Swamson (USGS), Allen Bonini (DNR), Diane Karnish (USACE Rock Island District), Marian Gelb (IEC), Annette Mansheim (RIO), Bill Freeland (House Caucus), Carrie Schoenebaum (DNR),

- I. Call to Order, Sharon Tahtinen, IGOV
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Topics of Discussion
 - a. Election of Chair – unanimous vote for Tom Hadden
 - b. Election of Co-Chair – unanimous vote for Roger Wolf
 - c. Review of HF 2459 Goals and Responsibilities
 - i. By December 1 of each year, a watershed planning advisory council shall submit a report to the governor, the general assembly, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and the water resources coordinating council.
 - d. Chair Hadden facilitated group discussion
 - i. Members felt their role was to keep stakeholders engaged in conversations & bring voices of the representing organizations to the table
 - ii. Sub-Committee Work
 1. Sub-Committee #1 – Improving and sustaining water quality; Facilitating implementation of existing programs.
 - a. Lead: Rick Robinson
 - b. Team: Linda Kinman, Emily Piper, Greg Nalley, Dick Dearden, John Beard, Jeremy Rosonke

2. Sub-Committee #2 – Creating economic incentives for compliance; Providing incentives for the development of pollution control quantification protocols and procedures
 - a. Lead: Bill Ehm
 - b. Team: Scott Ickes
3. Sub-Committee #3 – Providing greater flexibility through community-based, non-regulatory and performance-driven watershed management
 - a. Lead: Roger Wolf
 - b. Team: Betty DeBoef, Chuck Gipp, Vicki Stoller
- iii. Homework Assignment: before next meeting – read through the 2007 Watershed Quality Planning Task Force final report at http://www.iowadnr.gov/water/taskforce/files/wqptf_final_report.pdf for items that have and have not been accomplished to keep items alive
- iv. Sharon Tahtinen will distribute the Watershed Quality Planning Task Force subcommittee reports, link to taskforce final report, and provide the website address where information is retained
- v. Jessica Harder will share information from her group for the report due Nov 15th
- e. Carrie Schoenebaum – Iowa DNR Presenter
 - i. Public Records Law –any information created by the council as a whole or individual members is accessible to the public
 1. A few exceptions – attorney work product, legal advice, reports that would create unfair advantage for competitors, and/or DNR director assigns a confidential nature to the product
 2. Any work product created with state funds is available for 3rd parties to utilize and sell for profit
 - ii. Open Meetings Law
 1. Posting of agenda in advance and notice
 2. Closed session only when appropriate
 3. Minutes of meetings developed and posted
 4. Avoid decisions via email
- f. Next Meeting
 - i. September 22nd – 1:30-3:30 p.m. at MWA
 - ii. Discussion/Vote for Sub-committee #4 related to flooding
 - iii. Members sign up for Sub-committee work
 - iv. Small group to write draft of December 2010 report for review at October/November meeting
 - v. October 2010-April 2011 meeting schedule