

Watershed Planning Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Polk County Extension Office
1625 Adventureland Drive, Altoona, IA 50009

Present: Dean Mattoon, Jake Hansen, Fred Long, Tim Hall, Robin Fortney, John Whitaker, Chuck Isenhardt, Ben Gleason, John Torbert, Mark Land, Joe Bolkcom, Gregory Huff, Laura Sarcone

Other: Hanna Bates

- Welcome and introductions
 - Lead by Mattoon
- Meeting minutes
 - Motion to accept the meeting minutes from Mattoon
 - Torbert seconds the motion
 - Motion passes
- Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair
 - Dean introduces recommendations from last year and overview of activity, WRCC and IDALS looked through recommendations
 - Discussion on quantity of recommendations and the potential to reduce to 1-2 topics for discussion for WRCC to act upon suggestions
 - New chair selection
 - Mattoon nominates Whitaker
 - Mattoon moves to nominate Whitaker
 - Second by Gleason
 - Motion passes
 - Vice Chair
 - Mattoon moves to nominate Long
 - Torbert seconds
 - Motion passes
- Discuss topics for next meeting and 2019 Recommendations
 - Whitaker introduces the topic
 - Potential date for next working session: October 2nd 8AM – NOON, 2 hour presentations, 2 hour workshop
 - Potential speakers
 - Matt Helmers, INRC
 - Chris Jones, IIHR
 - INHF on flood reduction and water quality and financing
 - Dan Anderson to discuss manure management
 - Representative from Governor's task force on flooding
 - Watershed coordinator perspective on implementation efforts
 - Eric Schmechel from Dubuque on Catfish Creek efforts
 - Iowa watershed approach with a focus on WMA and coordinator relationships for coordinating work with WMAs
 - Polk county council of watersheds – John Swanson
 - SWCD districts to discuss strategic planning efforts
 - Discussion of meeting frequency

- Potential for small working groups to meet in advance and post working session via teleconference
 - Three groups, each with an emphasis on special topics as identified by the group (i.e. flooding, manure and nutrient management)
 - Discussion on policy and vision of ideas that we hope to get adopted and what part of the recommendations that we need some level of consistency from year-to-year and what we've done in the past and pay respects to that for – remember specific themes or other new items we want to weave in
 - Emphasis on communications from the group to the public and legislature. Communications plan should include contact with the legislature to introduce the group and to make recommendations accessible
 - First meeting with the option of the second meeting, if needed
 - Hanna and John to pitch two different scenarios, WPAC to vote on options
 - Option 1: one all-day meeting
 - Option 2: two sessions, one for presentations and Q&A, small group work, then a working session to finalize draft recommendations
- Announcements by WPAC members
 - WRCC to meet in August
 - Sarcone states that Des Moines Water Works will be hosting citizens water academy in the fall
 - Bolkcom states that June 13th will be the 10th anniversary celebration of the Iowa Flood Center
- Public Comment Period
 - None
- Adjourn by 12:00 Noon
 - Adjourned: 11:42AM