

North Raccoon Watershed Meeting
Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Storm Lake

Attendees: Total of 24

1:02 pm – Meeting called to order

208(e) Agreement – Jim Patrick

- Invitation letter being sent out soon
- Timeline: get WMA Project Coordinator hiring committee formed in January
- If you have not received the 208(e) agreement, contact Jim Patrick at Patrick@stormlake.org

Iowa Watershed Approach – Larry Weber

- Quarterly meetings will be held for watersheds
- IWA Website
 - As this WMA is getting formed, you can access information and process of WMA from other watersheds part of project
 - IWA will host WMA Project Coordinator meetings to provide opportunities about strengths and challenges across the 8 watersheds
- IFC does mathematical modeling of watersheds through inputting rainfall into model to determine soil elevation, stream flow, soil runoff, etc.
- Adding around 20 more monitors on top of the over 200 existing monitors across the state
- IFC will deploy more precipitation, soil moisture, and groundwater sensors
- Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework
 - Uses Lidar data to determine areas that would benefit from a conservation practice
 - Buffer strips, grass waterways, nutrient removal wetlands, etc.
- IWA Timeline
 - WMA Board formed and WMA project coordinator hired in early 2017
 - Conservation project construction will occur late 2018-2020
 - IWA will wrap up in 2021

IWA Events and Meetings – Breanna Shea

- IDNR, U of I, ISU, and UNI have list of services provided free to IWA watersheds
- Two components of IWA
 - Hydrology Programming – Breanna Shea, Outreach Coordinator
 - Flood Resilience Programming – Ashlee Johannes, Flood Resilience Coordinator
- Advisory board meetings
 - First meeting is on Thursday, January 26: first Advisory Board Meeting in Iowa City
 - 2 face-to-face and 2 conference call

Watershed Management Coalition Formation – Kyle Amnet

- 208(e) agreement has been drafted and close to final version
- Timeline: sending invitations out to 86 entities to participate in WMA
 - Contact Kyle Amnet or Jim Patrick with any questions or concerns

Q&A

1. Have you been having these meetings in Madison or Dallas County?
 - a. Most meetings have been around Lake City, but there have been discussions with smaller groups and as 208(e) has been developing
 - b. Other WMAs like to move their meetings around the watershed to help get engagement from all local communities
2. What kind of buy in have you gotten from other counties?
 - a. Planning to follow-up with all counties and entities once finalized 208(e) agreement
 - b. Encourage engaged community members to help other communities who are less engaged to get involved in WMA
3. What kind of conservation projects do you find most effective?
 - a. Wetlands, ponds, and oxbow reconstruction
 - b. Terraces and sedimentation of wetlands and ponds are complimentary to retaining conservation projects
 - c. Open to spectrum of practices and whichever practices fits the area best
 - d. All practices are 75-25% cost-share
4. What are the target areas in the North Raccoon watershed?
 - a. Constructive practices funding will not be spent throughout entire watershed due to low impact
 - b. After scientific assessment, target areas were identified in North Raccoon watershed that would provide the most benefit to get a high impact of flood mitigation and improving water quality
5. Do these projects have to include nutrient reduction or flood loss issues?
 - a. This project is dedicated to Flood First related concerns
6. How far along are you with Turkey River Watershed?
 - a. One of the first 6 WMAs that formed in Iowa
 - b. Developed a watershed plan
 - c. Implemented farm ponds in Otter Creek (subwatershed of Turkey River Watershed) and some on-road constructive projects to hold water back
7. Will you be working with local FSA and NRCS offices?
 - a. IA Legislature created code that requires all cities, counties, and SWCDs to be invited to participate in watershed management authority/coalition
 - b. WMA Project Coordinator will have strong connection with local SWCD office
 - c. FSA may provide opportunities for outreach with landowners and funding for conservation practices

Next steps

- Finalizing 208(e) agreement and invitations to 86 entities coming out soon
- Next meeting – Afternoon of Tuesday, March 28th and location TBD

2:00 pm – Meeting adjourned

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NORTH RACCOON WMA MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 1 pm at Storm Lake Public Library

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