

**Meeting Minutes**  
**North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 10:00 am**  
**Stewart Memorial Community Hospital Conference Room, Lake City IA**

The NRRWMC Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Mark Hanson, Dallas County Board of Supervisors. Chair made an announcement regarding the presence of consultants at official meetings. Any consultants present to attend the meeting were recused at the beginning of the agenda.

Roll call was completed with 16 voting members present which does not represent a quorum.

Minutes for the September 20, 2017 could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

Organizations present include: DNR, Conservation Districts of Iowa, Iowa Water Center, Iowa Flood Center, Iowa Ag Water Alliance, Iowa Economic Development Authority, and Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Center.

Chair Mark Hanson moved item 12. Action Plan/Report, Planning Committee behind item 6. Background and updates from the Executive Committee

City of Adel has given formal notice to become a member. Per the bylaws, formal acceptance can occur with a two-thirds vote of the Board, and therefore formal acceptance could not occur.

Report on project coordinator hiring committee by Treasurer Dale Arends, Buena Vista County Supervisor:

- Marius Agua was hired as the Project Coordinator

Report on Planning Committee by Vice Chair Keri Navratil:

- Planning Committee met on December 8 in Perry
- Kyle Ament presented to the committee: Salient Features of the Raccoon River Watershed Water Quality Master Plan 2011 and other projects and Plans
- Marius Agua presented on the 6 goals of the Iowa Watershed Approach and Strategic Subdivisions of the North Raccoon River Watershed
- Contact Keri if you wish to participate on the committee or have suggestions for consultants, or planning

Report from Cara Elbert, grant administrator

- She is working on reimbursement requests and making sure that HUD requirements are being followed.

CEA provide survey results for the September 2017 meeting

- There was 100% response rate
- The responses indicate a positive feeling and learning at the meetings.
- The WMA is on track, need to get the Project Coordinator hired
- Interested in seeking sustainable funding
- Determine a way to get Ag Groups/Land owners to the meetings

Kyle Ament presented on the Salient Features of the Raccoon River Watershed Water Quality North Raccoon Watershed Plans

- a. North Raccoon Watershed Plans 2010-2017
  - a. \$200,000 funds for planning funds- can plan for the HUC 8
- b. Make available to the committee Watersheds plans
  - i. Kyle will get copies of all watershed plans to share with the committee
- c. Unmet needs- improve on masterplan
  - a. Increase awareness of WQ issues
  - b. Focus on Outreach
  - c. Presentation from Kyle showing the different options and types of plans
    - i. Current plans in development
      1. Swan Lake
      2. Dallas County
      3. Developed by ISA
- d. HUD Grant – Implementation for
  - i. Outlet creek
  - ii. Cedar Creek
- e. IWA Watershed Planning
  - i. Scope of work
  - ii. Development Watershed Plan

Project Coordinator presented on the Attempt to Establish the Framework of Operations of the NRRWM Coalition

- a. Marius provided the group his education and experiences
- b. Definition of watershed
- c. 6 Goals of Iowa Watershed Approach
- d. There is 2470 total miles in the North Raccoon Watershed
- e. Strategic Subdivisions of the North Raccoon River Watershed
  - i. BV County/Pocahontas/Palo Alto
  - ii. Sac/Calhoun/Webster
  - iii. Carroll/Greene/Boone
  - iv. (Guthrie) /Dallas/Polk (Madison)

Per the Bylaws, the next meeting will be held in January at a time and date designated by the Chair.

*Public comment:*

Jeff Geerts with IEDA – One year of the five-year grant period has already passed and the HUD grant cannot be extended. Planning dollars can be spent on the entire watershed. Project dollars can only be spent on Cedar and Outlet Creeks.

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:59 pm