



**Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM**

Public Services Building

City of Ankeny

220 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Ankeny, Iowa

Those in attendance were as follows: Cindy Valin, Richard Long, Ben Champ, Jennifer Welch, Karen Oppelt, Amy Bryant, Frank Cownie, Mark Arentsen, Dan Pritchard, Mark Land, Skip Moore, Scott Hutchens, Bret Vandelune, Dale Farnham, Kyle Riley, Madeline Sturms, Rich Leopold, Dylan Mullenix, and Vern Willey.

1. Welcome – Frank Cownie opened the meeting.
2. Officer Election
  - a. Moved by Vern Willey to move each current officer to the next position; motion carried. Officers listed below.
    - i. Chair: Ben Champ
    - ii. Vice Chair: Gary Lorenz
    - iii. Secretary: Cindy Valin
    - iv. Treasurer: Bob Rice
    - v. Past Chair: Frank Cownie
3. 2016 Meetings – Dates/Times/Locations - Vern motioned to keep the dates, times, and locations for the meetings remain the same. The meetings are the fourth Thursday of January, April, July, and October from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the City of Ankeny's Public Services Building. Bret Vandelune seconded and the motion carried.
4. Approval of October 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Cindy Valin motioned to approve the minutes, Bret Vandelune seconded, and the motion carried.
5. WQI NRS Grant Update – Jennifer Welch shared that a \$198,000 grant was received to add agricultural practices in the three metro watershed groups (Fourmile Creek, Mud/Camp/Spring Creeks, and Walnut Creek).
6. Coordinator Status Update – Polk County will be the contracting authority for the watershed coordinator position which is to begin July 1, 2016 and will cover the three

watershed groups (Fourmile Creek, Mud/Camp/Spring Creeks, and Walnut Creek). Polk County will fund approximately half of the \$145,000 salary and benefits and members will be responsible for the other half. A model will be formulated to determine how much each community would be required. It would be determined by population, drainage area, stream length, and potentially other factors. In addition, Polk County will pay for Snyder's services until the coordinator position begins.

7. Other Items for Discussion

- a. City of Des Moines – 100 homes have been demolished to date; 50 to 100 more remaining within the floodplain. A master plan for the area will be developed with cooperation from Polk County Conservation and the Des Moines Parks Department.
- b. Polk County Conservation – Regular monitoring is ongoing. They have noticed some trends with one of those being persistent chloride in some locations. They are not monitoring for quantity at this time.
- c. Dylan Mullenix from MPO discussed the Tomorrow Plan and how the goals in it were similar to many that the Fourmile Creek WMA is trying to achieve.
- d. Kyle Ament from the IDNR introduced himself and shared there was a state-wide meeting for WMAs on Wednesday February 3.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Bret Vandelune, seconded by Vern Willey, and the motion carried.