

**FOURMILE CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
IMPLEMENTATION MEETING - MINUTES**

**CITY OF ANKENY
PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING
220 W 1ST STREET, ANKENY, IOWA 50023**

**MARCH 31, 2016
8:00 AM**

1. Welcome – Ben Champ - Pleasant Hill, Chair
2. Coordinator Funding Update

Mark Land and Bob Rice updated the group on the status for funding of a Watershed Coordinator. The first step would be Polk County signing a 28E agreement with Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District. This will secure them as the Watershed Coordinator and allow them to start the hiring process. 28E agreements will then be drafted for each individual jurisdiction that is a member of the Fourmile Creek WMA. Ideally, the initial 28E agreement with Polk SWCD would be completed by the April WMA meeting where it can be reviewed by the WMA. That meeting will include an item for approval of the concept as outlined in the February 11, 2016 memo. Polk County and member jurisdictions will then be asked to approve the 28E's in May and June prior to the July 1, 2016 start date.

3. Implementation Updates
 - a. Water Quality Monitoring - Polk County Conservation
No Report
 - b. Buyout Area Acquisition and Demolition Status – Polk County
19 homes are actively being bought out.
 - c. Buyout Area Long-term Planning – Polk County Conservation

An agreement to complete a master plan for the buyout area has been drafted and is scheduled to be considered at the April 13 Polk County Conservation Board meeting. Pleasant Hill has already approved their portion of the funding. The Master Plan will be for the area from Muchikinock Creek to the Des Moines River.

d. WQI NRS Update – Polk SWCD

Polk SWCD has located a site that will have a saturated buffer and bioreactor side by side in the field and has brought on a partnership with Iowa State University. Researchers at ISU will be providing monitoring and cost share for installation of the practices. The site also has 2 years of Iowa Soybean Assoc. data that can be used for comparison. They are actively looking for more sites to partner on.

Amanda Brown has created a Fourmile Creek Watershed Facebook page.

e. Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership (Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant (RCPP)) – Polk SWCD

Polk SWCD is actively involved as a part of the team moving forward after the award of funding. Currently, there is much planning involved to ensure everyone is organized before funding begins to be utilized. Projects using this funding source will be a little ways off.

f. Stream bank Stabilization Projects - WRA/Polk

A map was presented showing areas of Fourmile Creek that will be rehabilitated/stabilized starting spring 2016 through the fall of 2017.

4. Other Items for Discussion

None.

5. Adjourn

Legend

- Proposed Project Locations
- Fourmile Creek Stream Network

