

**FOURMILE CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CITY OF ANKENY  
PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING  
220 W 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, ANKENY, IOWA 50023**

**APRIL 28, 2016**

1. Welcome – *Ben Champ, Chair*
  - a. *Meeting called to order at 4:02PM by Chair Ben Champ*
  - b. *Motion to approve the agenda as presented*
    - i. *1<sup>st</sup> Bret Vandelune, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Lorenz*
    - ii. *Passed unanimously*
  
2. Approval of January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes
  - a. *Motion to approve the minutes from prior meeting*
  - b. *1<sup>st</sup> Bret Vandelune, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Lorenz*
  - c. *Passed unanimously*
  
3. Coordinator Status Update – *Bob Rice, Polk SWCD*
  - a. Approval of Coordinator Funding Proposal – *Decision Item*
    - i. *Jennifer Welch presented Coordinator proposal*
    - ii. *Mayor Lorenz asked if all the jurisdictions have seen the proposal and given it a thumbs up.*
    - iii. *Kyle Riley confirmed that all jurisdictions within the FMC WMA have been sent the proposal.*
    - iv. *Bret Vandelune clarifies that all 3 WMAs need to approve the proposal to assure the Polk County Board of Supervisors will approve. Once approved, agreements will go from the County to the Jurisdictions for funding. Targeting a July 1<sup>st</sup> start date.*
    - v. *Mayor Lorenz asked what happens if the jurisdictions don't pay for their share.*
    - vi. *Bret Vandelune assured attendees that Polk County will do everything they can to recoup all costs for the Coordinator position. However, if a jurisdiction does not pay, Polk County will work with the Polk SWCD on the costs. This will provide stability and confidence for the Coordinator position for the first year.*
    - vii. *It was clarified by Ben Champ and Kyle Riley that the Mud, Camp, & Spring Creek WMA has already approved the proposal. Once and if the MC WMA approves, it will need to be approved by the Walnut Creek WMA in May before the Polk County Board of Supervisors would consider the proposal.*

- viii. *Motion to Approve Coordinator Proposal as written*
  - 1. *1<sup>st</sup> Mayor Lorenz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bret Vandelune*
  - 2. *Passes Unanimously*

4. Other Items for Discussion

- a. *Water quality monitoring – Polk County Conservation*
  - i. *Richard Leopold of Polk County Conservation presented details regarding WQ monitoring county-wide.*
  - ii. *5 sites on FMC and some on tributaries monitored by PCC.*
  - iii. *A science teacher in the Des Moines Metro will have an externship and will begin to work on a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)*
  - iv. *Once the QAPP is completed, others will be invited to get trained and participate.*
  - v. *PCC will be investing approximately \$60K/year.*
- b. *Buyout area long-term planning – Polk County Conservation*
  - i. *Mark Land and Richard Leopold discussed the agreement to provide a Master Plan for the buyout area from the mouth of FMC upstream to Muchikinock Creek.*
  - ii. *Looking for opportunities for trails, restoration, connections, and if we are going to repair/fix things, where should funding be targeted.*
  - iii. *This will allow us to submit for various funding opportunities since we will have a plan in place and know exactly where to put it.*
  - iv. *It is planned to be completed in late summer early fall.*
  - v. *One of the best deliverables will be mapping with which jurisdiction owns and/or is responsible for maintenance.*
- c. *WQI NRS Grant Update – Polk SWCD*
  - i. *Amanda Brown of Polk SWCD handed out information for field days and events (attached). She also handed out a map to show where Iowa State Univ. will be partnering to monitor the performance of a bioreactor and saturated buffer (attached).*
  - ii. *The site is significant because there is historical Iowa Soybean Association monitoring data at this location to be able to see results before and after treatment.*
- d. *Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – Added agenda item due to attendance by Jim Jordahl of Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance (IAWA)*
  - i. *Jim Jordahl presented that kickoff events have taken place with Polk SWCD.*
  - ii. *There has been some back and forth with the USDA NRCS on the logistics of the funding for the RCPP. The month of May would be the best case scenario for things to be finalized.*
  - iii. *The IAWA is planning to have a different look to the approach for each watershed within the RCPP depending on the personalities of the stakeholders.*

5. Comments from Members
  - a. *Teva Dawson from the Des Moines MPO discussed some items*
    - i. *She spoke about the MPO Regional Water Trails and Greenways Program. It is set to come out in June for feedback and it encompasses approximately 150 miles.*
    - ii. *She spoke regarding the MPO planning to continue the quarterly Council of WMAs meetings. The two priorities moving forward in the short term will be looking for policies that overlap among all the Watershed Management Plans and any work on water quality related legislative activity.*
  
6. Adjourn
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Bret Vandelune, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mayor Lorenz
  - b. 4:39PM