

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

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

**October 26th, 2017
4:00 PM**

Attendees:

Board Members:

*Leanne Harter – Story County
Bob Rice – Polk County
Ben Champ – City of Pleasant Hill
Skip Moore – City of Des Moines*

Others:

*Adam Fendrick - PCCB
Jennifer Welch – Polk SWCD
Cameron Stufflebeam - PCEMA
Dylan Mullenix - MPO
Clifford Leonard – Public
Amanda Brown – Polk SWCD
Doug Sheeley – PCCB
Diane Goering – Snyder and Associates
Rich Leopold - PCCB*

1. Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Ben Champ
2. Approval of the Agenda
*Motion moved by Bob Rice, Second by Skip Moore
Agenda approved*
3. Approval of July 27th, 2017 Meeting Minutes
*Motion moved by Skip Moore, Second by Robert Rice
Agenda approved*
4. WMA Work Session Discussion

Amanda Brown told the group about the idea of having short work sessions at the future WMA meetings in order to engage the jurisdictions within the WMA more. This idea came from discussion at the annual review that was held in September. Each work session would have specific topics that are taken directly from the plan. The jurisdictions will have the chance to pick which topics they would like to see at the upcoming work sessions. A survey will be sent out by Polk SWCD in order to see what the group would like to focus on. A sample list of questions is on page three of the attached handout. Bob Rice had the idea of utilizing jurisdictions comprehensive plans as a topic for one of the work sessions. Brown informed the group that the Mud/Camp/Spring WMA had chosen this as their first topic to discuss.

5. Implementation Update

Amanda Brown referred to page one and two of the attached handout. These pages gave an overview of what was accomplished in all three WMAs this first year. This is also a good overview from the annual review for those who were unable to make it. Brown said that in general the projects installed in Fourmile Creek seemed to be more innovative and new practices.

Jennifer Welch reminded the group that the Urban WQI grant is now accepting applications. Applications will be due in early December. She encouraged all jurisdictions to apply and said that if someone is planning to apply it is a requirement to work with her. If jurisdictions have project ideas or need ideas they can contact Polk SWCD for help. Welch also told the group that we may look at having the WMA vote on the application they think is most beneficial, creating a WMA endorsed project. Bob Rice asked Welch if she could make sure and reach out to the smaller jurisdictions within the watershed to keep them involved and see if they have any project ideas for the application.

Brown told the group that Polk SWCD may be putting out a request for proposals just for the Fourmile Creek watershed. This would allow Polk SWCD to create a list of projects that the jurisdictions would like to see implemented. The projects can then be pursued once funding becomes available. This would also be an opportunity for the WMA members to rank projects based on benefit.

Dylan Mullenix said that the MPO is still working on developing policy standards for the metro. They are working with DMACC and Capitol Crossroads to have stormwater policy become the next topic through the Local Government Collaboration. All three metro WMAs are in support of this. DMACC is currently going to each city to make sure they would like this to be the topic moving forward into the next year. Even if this is not the next topic, Mullenix stated that MPO will work with Polk SWCD to move forward on creating metro wide policy change recommendations.

Mullenix also told the group that as part of the water trails plan, they will be focusing on water quality. This topic was brought up by many of the people in attendance at the recent water trails public meetings. He said that a small group of people will be getting together before the next council of the WMA meeting to discuss this topic further.

6. Lower Fourmile Greenway Master Plan

Diane Goering gave a powerpoint presentation overviewing the Lower Fourmile Greenway Master Plan. The plan is now complete and more information can be found at www.fourmilecreekwatershed.org. Diane said that the plan was presented at a public meeting and was well received by those in attendance. She said that they also presented it to the city of Pleasant Hill and plan on presenting it to the city of Des Moines soon. Ben Champ said that the city of Pleasant Hill approved the plan at a council meeting. Bob Rice said it may be good to get some media attention for the plan.

7. Other Discussion/Public Comment

Skip Moore told the group that anyone interested should really try and visit the 9 mile run in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. This is a greenway they have developed and could be used as an example for implementing the Fourmile greenway.

Amanda Brown reminded the group that at the next quarterly meeting in January the group will be electing a new executive committee. She asked the group to be ready with nominations.

8. Next Meeting – January 25th, 2018 4:00pm; Ankeny Public Services Building

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was placed by Bob Rice and seconded by Adam Fenderick. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.