

MEETING MINUTES

**Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority
8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Clive City Hall – Community Room
Clive, Iowa**

The Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on September 17, 2014, at the Clive City Hall Community Room. Before the meeting, the MPO staff sent agenda packets to Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority members. **In addition to these published tentative minutes, there may be additional meeting notes on file with the MPO staff that are public records and available upon request as provided by law. These tentative minutes reflect all action taken at the meeting.**

WMA Members Present:

John Schultz, Dallas County Soil & Water
Conservation District
Jane Clark, Polk County Soil & Water
Conservation District
Bob Rice, Polk County
Jeremy Becker, Polk County
Susan Judkins, City of Clive
Doug Ollendike, City of Clive
Dan Pritchard, City of Des Moines
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston
David Russell, City of Urbandale
Dave McKay, City of Urbandale
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Ben McAlister, City of West Des Moines
Darren Fife, City of Windsor Heights

Others Present:

Jennifer Welch, Polk County Soil & Water
Conservation District
Kyle Ament, DNR
Ryan Peterson, RDG
Pat Boddy, RDG

MPO Staff Present:

Todd Ashby, Executive Director
Teva Dawson, Senior Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to amend the agenda to include an approval of the minutes. A seconded to approve the September 17, 2014, Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 13, 2014 of the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DNR WMA Planning Grant

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the submittal of the WMA planning grant to the DNR.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition

Darrin Fife with the Walnut Creek Watershed Coalition presented on the history, role and activities of the coalition. A summary of his presentation is attached with the minutes. The question was asked how the WMA can support their work as community engagement is a critical aspect of the watershed planning and implementation. The comment was made that this needs to be all one coordinated effort.

6. Walnut Creek Assessments

Jennifer Welch provided an overview of some of the findings from recent Walnut Creek assessments. See attached powerpoint. Urbandale indicated they have been conducting regular assessments since the 1990s and that a watershed planning process can help pull together similar work from all other communities. Dallas SWCD has a new wetland project. The need to have a tour of BMPs was mentioned. Some concern was raised that each community might have a different methodology for assessing the creeks. One need is to recommend a standardized, consistent methodology and timing for assessments. Polk County concurred and indicated that was the advantage of having Polk SWCD conduct the assessments and there is a need for a planning session to discuss how to put all of the data together and how best to coordinate efforts. Urbandale and Clive indicated their assessments and funding levels only address emergency protection of major infrastructure and there lacks a proactive upstream approach. There was mention that communities are only able to band-aid the problem.

7. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

A member mentioned other WMAs have discussed the need to convene all of the WMAs to provide a collective voice to convey needs to the Iowa Legislature. There needs to be grassroots efforts to support increased funding from the state.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 10th.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.