

# WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED



## Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority: Board Meeting

3:30 - 5:00 PM October 21, 2015 West Des Moines City Hall

### MINUTES

#### **WMA Members Present:**

Doug Ollendike, City of Clive  
Dan Pritchard, City of Des Moines  
Steven Soupir, City of Grimes  
Tom Hadden, City of West Des Moines  
Ben McAlister, City of West Des Moines  
Darren Fife, City of Windsor Heights  
Bob Rice, Polk County  
Jane Clark, Polk County Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
Jennifer Welch, Polk County Soil & Water  
Conservation District

#### **Others Present:**

Jim Jordahl, Iowa Ag Water Alliance  
Kyle Ament, Iowa DNR

#### **Consultants Present**

Ryan Peterson, RDG  
Greg Pierce, RDG  
Mark Land, Snyder and Associates

#### **MPO Staff Present:**

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
5. Public Comment – no comments were provided.
6. Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Grant Application– Jim Jordahl provided a presentation outlining the organization, the grant program, and the proposed project. Mr. Jordahl asked for the Walnut Creek WMA to consider offering a letter of support that included partner contributions to help match activities. The WMA board asked for the MPO to request these commitments from the local communities. The WMA board approved the chair to send a letter of support for the grant application.
7. Overview of Urban Water Quality Demonstration Projects – Jennifer Welch discussed the grant program and asked for local jurisdictions to let her know if they have any projects that may be a good fit. The WMA board approved the chair to send a letter of support for the grant application.
8. Feedback from the Open House – RDG noted approximately 60 people attended the open house event. Jennifer Welch noted there was some feedback that resulted to the mission, vision, and goals. A question was raised as to the WMA’s job in supporting economic vitality, as not every

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single initiative may be good economically but overall there will be a net increase. Feedback was received indicating that collaboration was deemed the most important goal.

9. Update on Modeling Results – RDG provided a presentation summarizing the water quality modeling results, noting that the case study modeling was used to inform the overall watershed model.
10. Other Items – Jennifer Welch noted a meeting with the coop should be scheduled soon. Darren Fife noted around 200 people helped at the stream cleanup event.
11. Discussion ensued on whether many WMA board members would have a conflict with the next meeting, tentatively schedule for November 20<sup>th</sup>, due to the Soil & Water Conference at Drake that day. MPO staff offered to poll the group to see whether the time date was suitable.
12. Adjourned at 5:00 PM.