

WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED



Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority Board Meeting

2:30 - 4:30, July 15

West Des Moines City Hall

MINUTES

WMA Members Present:

Jane Clark, Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District
Jennifer Welch, Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District
Jeremy Becker, Polk County
Rich Leopold, Polk County Conservation
Susan Judkins, City of Clive
Doug Ollendike, City of Clive
Steven Soupier, City of Grimes
David Russell, City of Urbandale
Dave McKay, City of Urbandale
Brad Deets, City of Waukee
Tom Hadden, City of West Des Moines
Ben McAlister, City of West Des Moines

Others Present:

Scott Hutchens, City of Des Moines
Sean McMahon, Iowa Ag Water Alliance

Consultants Present

Kyle Riley, RDG
Ryan Peterson, RDG
Greg Pierce, RDG
Pat Boddy, RDG

MPO Staff Present:

Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director
Teva Dawson, Senior Transportation Planner

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30.
2. All present introduced themselves.
3. The agenda was approved with the addition of “early implementation” agenda item.
4. The minutes were approved.
5. Vote to add additional party: City of Des Moines
 - Scott Hutchens explained that the City of Des Moines had passed a resolution to officially join the Walnut Creek WMA.
 - The members present voted to accept their membership.
 - MPO staff will file the updated 28-E with the state.
6. Modeling Process:
 - Members of the WMA voted via email on which subwatershed they wanted in the model. There was complete consensus on the subwatersheds recommended by the consultants. Members at the meeting officially voted to approve the three recommended watersheds.

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- Noted that the golf course is collecting data and should be reviewed.
 - Sean McMohn with the Iowa Agriculture water Alliance spoke to ways they could help with the WMA efforts.
7. & 8. Emerging Themes, Vision and Goals
- The members provided feedback on the vision, mission and goal statements.
 - Objectives matrix – concerns were mention about the number of practices mentioned, consultants asked members to focus on the objectives at this time
9. Flood Mitigation
- Synder is working on a hydrological model for the major tributaries
 - There is a need for more stream gauges
 - Members stressed the need for messaging in the plan to comment on the need for communities to adapt to flooding, climate change is real and need to give room to expected flood events
10. Early Implementation
- Will cover this in future meetings but would like for members to contemplate some quick, easy and doable projects that will have an impact on water quality to build the WMA's credibility for the capacity to create real change in the watershed
11. Next Meeting: July 29, 8:00 – 10:00
12. Adjourned at 4:15