

# WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED

## Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority Board Meeting Minutes

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
2:00 PM

Clive Aquatic Center; 1801 NW 114<sup>th</sup> St, Clive, IA 50325

### Attendees:

#### WMA Memembers-

Robert Rice, Polk County  
Susan Judkins, City of Clive  
Darren Fife, City of Windsor Heights  
Kieth Hubbard, City of Des Moines  
Jane Clark, Polk SWCD  
John Schultz, Dallas SWCD  
David Wilwerding, City of Johnston  
Doug Ollendike, City of Clive  
Kristin Brostrom, City of Urbandale  
Ben McAlister, City of West Des Moines  
Steve Soupirtz, City of Grimes  
Rudy Koester, City of Waukee

#### Others-

Amanda Brown, Polk SWCD  
Jonathan Gano, City of Des Moines  
Dave DeGeus, The Nature Conservancy  
Lori Howe, Dallas SWCD  
Allen Bonini, DNR  
Cameron Stufflebeam, Polk Co Em. Mgmt  
Rachel Conrad, City of Clive  
Doug Sheeley, PCCB  
John Swanson, Polk SWCD  
Mike Murphy, Guest  
Dave Burgess, City of Windsor Heights  
Clifford Leonard, Guest  
Jennifer Welch, Polk SWCD  
Uciel Medina, 8/7 Central  
Adam Kiel, Iowa Soybean Association  
Don Simmons, SHL  
Mark Hanson, Dallas County  
Adam Fendrick, PCCB  
Allison Riley, MPO

### 1. Call meeting to order

*Meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Susan Judkins and introductions were given*

### 2. Approval of the agenda

*Agenda was approved. 1<sup>st</sup>, Jane Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Darren Fife*

### 3. Approval of the past minutes

*Prior Minutes were approved. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dave Wilwerding, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rudy Koester*

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## 4. Watershed Logo Presentation

*A presentation was given by Uciel from 8/7 central on the development of a Walnut Creek WMA logo. Currently, there is no watershed logo. The logo will be sent out to members for input following the meeting. Overall, input during the meeting regarding the logo presented was positive. See attachment for proposed logo.*

## 5. Election of Executive Committee

*Current (2017) executive committee is as follows:*

*Chair: Susan Judkins – City of Clive (2 years)*

*Vice Chair: Bob Rice – Polk County (2 years)*

*Secretary: Darren Fife – City of Windsor Heights (1 year)*

*Treasurer: Brad Deets – City of Waukee (1 year)*

*Past Chair: Ben McAlister – City of West Des Moines (2 years)*

*Susan Judkins asked the group if there were any nominations for a new Chair. Jonathan Gano moved to nominate Bob Rice as Chair. Doug Ollendike seconded this motion; Rice was elected as Chair. Judkins asked group if they were still supportive of her acting as the primary Walnut Creek WMA representative on the Statewide WMA board. The group was supportive.*

*Rice asked group if there were nominations for Vice Chair. Darren Fife expressed that he would be willing to run as Vice Chair. Dave Wilwerding made a motion to nominate Fife as vice chair. Doug Ollendike seconded this motion; Darren Fife became Vice Chair.*

*A request for nominations for the secretary position was asked of the group by Rice. Jane Clark expressed interest in volunteering for the secretary position. Judkins made a motion to nominate Jane Clark for Secretary and Darren Fife seconded; Jane Clark became secretary.*

*Rice asked the group for nominations for Treasurer. Rudy Koester stated that he is now the representative for the City of Waukee in place of Brad Deets and is willing to now represent Waukee in the Treasurer role. Fife made a motion to nominate Koester as Treasurer and Doug Ollendike seconded this motion; Rudy Koester became Treasurer.*

*The 2018 executive Committee is as follows:*

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## 6. Watershed Modeling Study Update

*Ollendike told the group that they are continuing to work with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers on the modeling study that will be completed on the Walnut Creek Watershed. There was a preliminary meeting about a month ago and there should be a draft scope of work within the next few weeks. He reminded the group about the main goals of the project and that the work will have to be completed by October. Rice stated that is important all jurisdictions are involved in this because it will ultimately affect all of us.*

## 7. Polk SWCD Update

*John Swanson told the group that the oxbows that were being built in the City of Clive and the City of Urbandale are now complete. There is also a park project incorporating water quality aspects being done in the City of West Des Moines. This project is just outside of the watershed boundary but involves a collaborative effort among many partners.*

*Swanson said that the survey that was sent out to WMA members had 32 overall responses with 20 of those responses being from Walnut WMA. Based on this survey, some changes will be made in 2018. During 2017, work was completed on an opportunity basis. Staff will take a more focused approach in 2018 and include more open discussion/interaction during meetings. A 2018 action plan has also been developed based on feedback and the watershed management plan.*

*Allison Riley from the MPO introduced herself. She will be taking over Teva Dawson's role. She let the group know that the 28E has officially been submitted for the North and Middle River WMAs. Riley also stated that the Water Trails plan is still in progress. Swanson reminded the group of Polk SWCD and MPO's relationship and said that policy work will continue during 2018. Riley will be sending out invite to group soon for next Council of the WMA meeting in February.*

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8. Work Session – 2018 Action Items

*Three small groups were formed to discuss the 2018 action item table (see attached).*

9. Statewide WMA Meeting

*February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018*

*9:45 am – 4:00 pm*

*Otter Creek Lake and Park, Toledo, IA*

10. Other Comments/Discussion

*John Schultz announced that he is no longer an assistant commissioner for the Dallas SWCD and this would be his last meeting. Lori Howe will be taking his place. He encourages the group to keep up the conservation efforts. Rice thanked him for what he has done.*

*Allen Bonini thanked the WMAs for taking control of the statewide WMA conference, as DNR used to be in charge. He also made the group aware of a DNR Request for Proposal currently available for planning dollars for WMAs. This proposal is due at the end of February.*

*Mark Hanson encouraged members to attend the North Raccoon WMA meetings. He said there were a few jurisdictions represented regularly, but would like more to attend. Hanson said that they have hired a coordinator and they will be having their annual meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas County Health and Human Services Complex. He said any jurisdictions from the group are welcome to attend.*

11. Next Meeting; April 16th, 2018 at 2:00pm

*The meeting will be held at the Clive Aquatic Center*

12. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Susan Judkins and seconded by Ben McAlister at 3:59pm.*