

# UIRWMA | Agenda

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Meeting date | time 4/6/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting location Decorah City Council Chambers

Attendance: Jack Knight, Dan Byrnes, Andy Carlson,  
John Beard, Mark Jensen

## AGENDA TOPICS

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**1.) Agenda topic Call Meeting to Order 7:00 pm | Presenter John Beard**

**2.) Agenda topic Approval of Minutes 1/11/17 meeting | Presenter John Beard**

Discussion: No changes noted

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### Action items

### Motion

### Second

Approve Minutes from 1/11/2017 meeting

Andy Carlson

Jack Knight

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**3.) Agenda topic WMA Board information/Changes | Presenter John Beard**

Changes to WMA board positions regarding drainage districts:

John Beard outlined the guidelines of the WMA model that does not allow drainage districts to be represented on the board of the WMA. Due to this change Rick Weymiller of the Upper Iowa Drainage District will now become a liaison member of the board. Nominations were sought to fill the Vice-Chair position of the WMA. Dan Byrnes nominated Jack Knight of the Allamakee SWCD to serve as Vice Chair.

Due to these changes an update to the 28E agreement was required and completed by the county attorney.

Project Coordinator hiring process:

John Beard outlined that applications have been received and interviews have been scheduled for 4/10/17.

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### Action items

### Motion

### Second

Motion to nominate and elect Jack Knight to Vice Chair Position

Dan Byrnes

Andy Carlson

Motion to approve changes made to the 28E agreement as stated regarding changes in drainage districts as participating members of the WMA.

Jack Knight

Andy Carlson

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**4.) Agenda topic Planning Process Update – NEIA RC&D | Presenters Ross Evelsizer**

Discussion: Ross Evelsizer presented on RC&D’s work including resiliency planning regarding soil health, flow control, and riparian work. This work will be done for the entire watershed, not just the sub-watersheds that are selected. A recommendation was made to look into forming a technical committee to begin reviewing the sub-watersheds. This could be done after the Project Coordinator position has been filled. Further information from RC&D can be found at upperiowariver.org and look at the WMA page.

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**5.) Agenda topic Iowa Watershed Approach Partner Updates | Presenters Larry Weber, Ashlee Johannes, and Antonio Arenas of Iowa Flood Center; Felicia Campbell of IDALS; Todd Duncan of NRCS**

Discussion: Members of the Iowa Flood Center presented on varying topics. Larry Weber outlined that we will be building an overall plan that will encourage continued funding opportunities even after the use of the HUD based grant. Mr. Weber also stated that at this point, it is likely all sub-watersheds will hydrological needs, therefore initial review can begin. Antonio Arenas continued the hydrological analysis and is currently building models to refine the data for sub-watersheds. Arenas elaborated on the different assessment tools that will be used. He is seeking two sites for the placement of weather stations and soil moisture meters.

Felicia Campbell of IDALS informed the group that IDALS will provide assistance on technical aspects, funding use, and process development for the Project Coordinator. Ms. Campbell provided a *WMA Laundry List* to generate ideas of what actions can begin to be taken.

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**6.) Agenda topic Floor Items | Presenter**

Discussion:

RC&D will begin the design of a logo for the UIRWMA

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**Action items**

**Motion**

**Second**

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**7.) Agenda topic Set Meeting Time/Date | Presenter John Beard**

Discussion: At this time meetings will begin to become more frequent than quarterly and on an as needed basis.

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**Action items**

**Motion**

**Second**

Meeting Date: Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm  
Location: Decorah City Council Chambers

Jack Knight

Andy Carlson