

# UIRWMA | Agenda - Minutes

Meeting date time 8/9/2018 Business Meeting 5:00-5:15 PM Presentations 5:15 | Meeting location Decorah City Council Chambers

## BUSINESS MEETING

### 1) Agenda topic *Call Meeting to Order* | Presenter John Beard

John Beard called meeting to order 5:05pm. Board members in attendance included Dan Byrnes, Jan McGovern, John Beard, and Mark Jensen.

### 2) Agenda topic *Approval of Minutes 6/14/18 meeting* | Presenter John Beard

Discussion:

Action items	Motion	Second
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Approve Minutes from 6/14/18 meeting

Minutes approved unanimously. Motioned by Mark, Seconded by Jan.

### 3) Agenda topic: *Approval of procuring private engineer* | Presenter: Matt Frana

Discussion: In order to help get more projects built it was suggested to use a private engineer for county road structures and some large landowner projects (250 acre drainage area or larger).

Action items	Motion	Second
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Approval of procuring private engineer.

Approved unanimously. Motioned by Mark, Seconded by Dan.

### 4) Agenda topic *Set Next Meeting Time/Date and Adjourn Business Meeting* | Presenter John Beard

Discussion:

Action items	Motion	Second
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Meeting Date: ? Location: *Decorah City Council Chamber*

Next meeting date will be in the City Council Chambers, Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Motioned by Dan, seconded by Jan.

Business meeting was adjourned unanimously.

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## Presentations:

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### University of Iowa Center for Evaluation and Assessment (CEA):

- **Julie Kearney - Meeting Attendee Survey**
    - Survey was passed out to those in attendance and collected at the end of the meeting.
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### Update from Northeast Iowa RC&D:

- **Upper Iowa River Watershed Plan Development Update**
    - Extension granted to RC&D UIR Watershed Plan by Winneshiek County to allow for the incorporation of Iowa Flood Center data. The new due date is April 2019
    - Discussed Education and Outreach chapter of the plan. A copy was distributed to each board member for review before the next board meeting.
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### Upper Iowa River WMA Coordinator Update:

- **Matt Frana - UIR Project Coordinator Update**
    - Two new HUC12 watersheds were added to the priority watersheds where funding could be utilized (Trout Creek and The Community of Nordness). For the time being focus will remain in the 1<sup>st</sup> four selected watersheds. If project interest dwindles, we may then move into the other watersheds.
    - IEDA is looking into getting the cost-share increase to 90%. Should know in September if increase is approved.
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### Natural Resources Conservation Service

- **Todd Duncan – Soil Health**
  - Todd discussed the importance of soil health. He did the slake test and infiltration test to illustrate the difference between healthy and degraded soils and how it affects the ability of the soil to infiltrate and hold water, reduce soil erosion, and prevent nutrient leaching.



## UIR-WMA Meeting 8/9/18 Matt Frana - Project Coordinator Update:

### Project Progress

- **Cost-share increase update**
  - Moving from 75% - 90%

*"Public comments were accepted through July 16. Following the public comment period, IEDA submitted the amendment request to HUD. There is no set requirement for how quickly HUD must decide on our amendment request. IEDA is anticipating a 30-45 day period for HUD to respond. The HUD person initially reviewing the amendment request is out of the office until August 7. HUD is visiting Iowa the week of September 10. We hope we will receive a response to our amendment request prior to that, but if not we will work to get a response while they are here".*

*From Jeff Geerts – Special Projects Manager – Iowa Economic Development*

- **Added 2 new HUC12's to the project watersheds** (see back map)
  - Trout Creek
  - Community of Nordness

Will only go into these watersheds if project interest is low, or a really good project would come about.

Excerpts from Technical Meeting Notes (8/8/17):

#### HUC12 tally:

Canoe Creek – 44  
Ten Mile – 37  
North Canoe – 14

Coon Creek – 12  
**Trout Creek – 7**  
Trout Run – 3

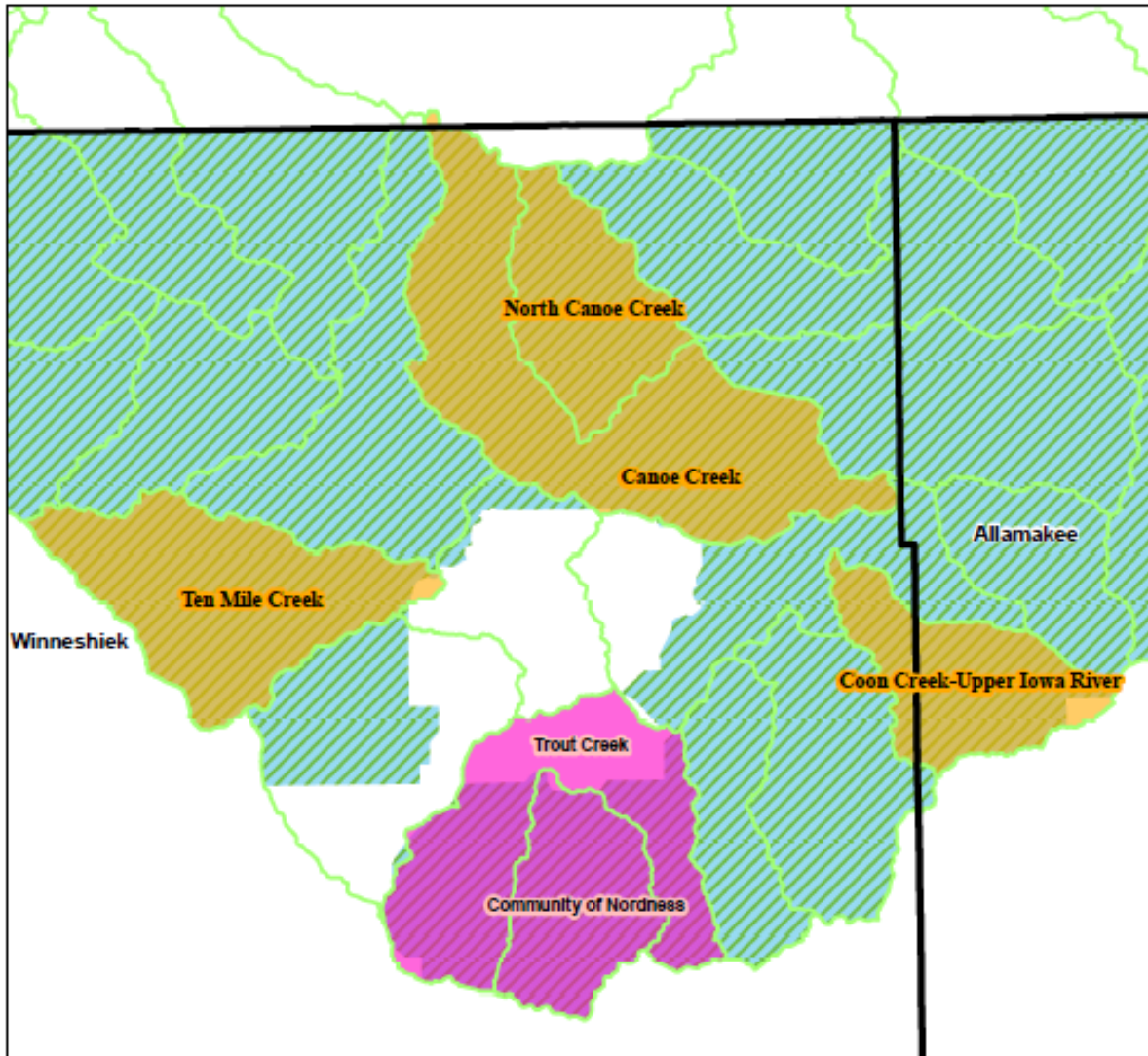
**Community of Nordness – 2**  
Dry Run – 3  
Patterson – 2

*Note: Trout Creek and Community of Nordness are 2 HUC 12s that are part of what is often referred to as "Trout Run." At the meeting we tallied together the votes for those 2 HUC 12s and Trout Run (which is not itself an eligible HUC 12) under the title "Trout Run."*

*A question was raised about landowner interest in Trout Run (Trout Creek, Community of Nordness). Duncan said he thought a couple of landowners in Trout Run would be interested in practices. Others agreed that a few well-placed practices in Trout Run would be valuable (for Fisheries, Recreation, community flood impact—Freeport).*

- **Met with NRCS, County Engineers, & Grant Administrator (7/26/18)**
  - Discussed how to acquire fill and easements for road structures.
    - County will purchase fill and easements as part of their contribution.
- **Additional Updates**
  - In discussion with landowners about a new road structure site (North Canoe).
  - Starting to get a few projects through the Archeological Review. Next steps...Environmental Review
  - Working with ISU on a Prairie STRIPS article for press release in local newspapers.
  - Working with ISU to do Soil Health Demonstration at the Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo (Sept 13<sup>th</sup>)

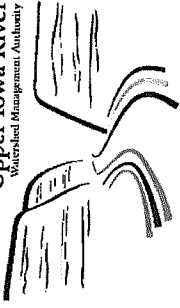
# New HUC-12s



## Legend

- Iowa - Counties
- UI\_HUC\_12
- Current Targeted HUC-12's
- New HUC-12's
- MID-URN\_Environmental\_Area





**UPPER IOWA RIVER  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

Date: 8/9/18

Name	Organization/Entity	Email	Mailing Address	Phone #
1 Julie Kearney	CEA	julie-kearney@ceda.org	Lindquist Gr W	
2 Mal Jensen	SWCD			
3 Ross Fuchsler	NFIA MCD			
4 Paul Berland	NEIA RCAD			
5 Jim M. Brown	Newland Co.			
6 Jim Macardel	HSEMP			
7 Matt Franc	SWCD			
8 Todd Duncan	NRCS			
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