

Upper Iowa River WMA Agenda

Meeting date/time: 3/12/2020 Business Meeting 5:00-5:30 PM Presentations 5:30-6:30

Meeting location: Decorah City Council Chambers, 400 Claiborne Dr., Decorah, Iowa 52101

BUSINESS MEETING

Attending: John Beard, Andy Carlson, Dan Byrnes, Joe Pisney, Mark Jensen

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

Action items	Motion	Second
Meeting Called to order 5:01pm	Mark	Andy

2) Agenda topic: Approval of Minutes 9.12.19 meeting | Presenter: John Beard

Discussion: No quorum/minutes last meeting (12/12/20). Still need to approve previous meetings minutes.

Action items	Motion	Second
Approve Minutes from 9/12/19 meeting	Andy	Dan

3) Agenda topic: Adding another engineer | Presenter: Matt Frana

Discussion: Do we want to procure another engineer firm to get more projects completed?

Action items	Motion	Second
A bottle neck to getting projects completed has been the ability to get designs timely manner. To keep up with demand will pursue necessary steps to procure another engineer. Will first see if we can the original RFQ to procure an engineer. If we can't will 1 st . If we can't do that, will review the cost of procuring another engineer to see if worthwhile before proceeding.	Mark	Joe

4) Agenda topic: Increasing pool easement rate | Presenter: Matt Frana

Discussion: For pool easements in conjunction with road structures do we want to increase rate from 20% of appraised value to 100%?

Action items	Motion	Second
WMA board would like to keep current easement rate at 20% but are willing to consider higher rates if justifiable. Suggested coming up with ranking matrix to justify higher easement payment rates.	Mark	Dan

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5) Agenda topic: WMA's of Iowa Admin Support from CRA | Presenter: Matt Frana

Discussion: The WMA's of Iowa would like to hire the Center for Rural Affairs to provide administrative support. They would like input/approval from the WMAs before committing to hire.

Action items	Motion	Second
UI WMA is in support of CRA.	Mark	Joe

6) Agenda topic: Set Next Meeting Time/Date and Adjourn Business Meeting | Presenter: John Beard

Discussion:

Action items	Motion	Second	
Meeting Date: 5/21/20	Location: Courthouse Annex Building	Mark	Dan

Presentations:

1) Iowa Coldwater Conservancy:

Tom Murray – Overview of organization and potential support opportunities with the UIR-WMA

ICC would be willing to pitch in on projects to help cover portions of landowner contribution if they are projects that will help protect sensitive trout stream habitat.

2) Iowa Flood Center:

Kate Giannini – IFC update

3) Upper Iowa River WMA Coordinator Update:

Matt Frana – Project update

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UPPER IOWA RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: 3.12.20

	Name	Organization/Entity	Email
1	Ross Eversizer	Northeast Iowa RCD	
2	Tori Nimrod	NET RCD	
3	Brian Dougherty	ISU Extension	
4	Jim Marwedel	Iowa HS & Emer. Mgmt.	
5	Mark Jansen	WMA	
6	Joe Piskney	Howard County	
7	Tam Murray	Iowa Coldwater Conservancy	
8	Shana Hilgerson	Winn SWCD	
9	Andy Carlson	WMA	
10	Dan Byrnes	WMA	
11	John Beard	WMA	
12	Matt Frana	WMA PC	
13	Kate Giannini	IFC - via phone	
14	Reuben Vyn	UORI Center for evaluation + assessment	via phone
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