

## **Catfish Creek Watershed Management Authority**

### **Minutes of June 24, 2014**

Both Chairs and co-chair were not present for the Meeting. The meeting started at 10:23am.

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Directors Present: Pat Simon, Dave Ruden, Calvin Gatch Jr., Will Hoyer, Wayne Demmer. Laura Carstens, Raki Giannakouros, and Curt Kiessling were absent. CCWMA Administrators: Eric Schmechel and Dean Mattoon
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved from 4\_22\_14 meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.** Cecily and Steve, from Applied Ecological Services (AES) went through potential site-specific projects (BMPs and Policy related projects) in the watershed. Discussion followed. Board members were in agreement with the policy recommendations. On the ground projects will be discussed in more details as projects come are developed and funding is secured for specific sites.
- B.** Interactive Watershed Kiosks. Eric updated the group about the proposed watershed kiosks. The City of Dubuque will be releasing an RFQ in the coming weeks. More information will be given at the next meeting.
- C.** Eric and Dean discussed a recent grant opportunity entitled, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The grant was announced from USDA in June and will be managed under the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). This is an opportunity to partner with existing organizations and governmental bodies to apply for cost-share monies that could be allocated to agricultural landowners throughout the Catfish Creek Watershed (and beyond). Eric and Dean both discussed partnering with organizations in the Driftless Region to collaborate together and target the entire Driftless Region. In short, a pre-proposal is due at the end of July, with a full proposal due at the end of September. Currently, the Apple-Plum watershed would be the HUC-8 watershed included in the proposal (Catfish Creek is part of the Apple-Plum). The CCWMA board was very positive and fully supported the proposal. More details will be discussed at the September meeting.
- D.** Eric updated the group on the water monitoring equipment(s) quotes briefly and discussed the Board on related costs involved with the equipment. Eric is planning on communicating with the Iowa Flood Center to discuss further equipment needs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.