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FINAL WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Final Meeting. The final meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was held on January 22, 2018, in Des Moines. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jane Weber. Senator Ken Rozenboom was in attendance. [Senate File 510](#) (FY 2018 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) eliminated the operations of the WIRB as of December 31, 2017.

Treasurer Report. As of December 31, 2017, there was a balance of \$1.6 million in the WIRB account funded by the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, of which \$1.6 million is estimated to be unobligated. In the account funded by the General Fund, there is a balance of \$613,000, of which \$263,000 is estimated to be unobligated. Senate File 510 specified that unobligated funds would be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) and could be used to pay for expenditures related to soil and water conservation administration, for conservation of soil and water resources, or to support the Soil Conservation and Water Quality Conservation Districts.

Final Reports. The Board approved the final reports for the following projects:

- Middle Buffalo Creek Watershed.
- Yellow Rivers Headwater Watershed.
- West Fork Middle Nodaway Watershed.
- Gere Creek Watershed.
- Rathbun Lake Watershed.
- Little Lick Creek Watershed.
- Miller Creek Watershed.
- Little Bear Creek Watershed.
- Waubonsie Creek Watershed.
- Cooper Creek Watershed.
- Iowa Great Lakes Watershed.
- Twelve Mile Lake Watershed.
- Fox River Watershed.



Current and former WIRB members in attendance.

Final Report. The final report for the WIRB will be submitted by January 31, 2018, to the Iowa Legislature. The DALs is responsible for finalizing all project reports and other operational activities. The final meeting was adjourned.

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