Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) Administration

The Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was initiated in 2005. This Board is responsible for awarding grants to water quality improvement projects. The WIRB is comprised of representatives from agriculture, drinking water and wastewater utilities, environmental organizations, agribusiness, the conservation community along with two state senators and two state representatives.

Administrative support to the Board is provided by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship—Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality.

- The Board oversees 40 active projects lasting up to three years.
- These 40 projects have been awarded $7,032,309 from the WIRB and have spent $2,849,457.
- The funded projects are accountable to the WIRB through progress reports submitted biannually that summarize activities completed and provide details of expenditures. Annual project reports are also included with the WIRB annual report to the Legislature and the Governor.
- The WIRB maintains a website at: http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/IWIRB.asp

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