

ITEM #: 12  
DATE: 10-08-24  
DEPT: W&PC

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO HEADWATERS OF THE SOUTH SKUNK RIVER  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**BACKGROUND:**

Iowa Code Section 466B.22, Sub-Chapter II allows political subdivisions located within the same United States Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code 8 watershed to create a Watershed Management Authority (WMA) by entering into a 28E agreement. The purpose of such authorities is to enable cooperation in supporting watershed planning and improvements for the mutual advantage of the political subdivisions involved. The City of Ames has entered into a 28E agreement as a part of the Headwaters of the South Skunk River WMA.

**Prior to July 2023, the City's designated representative was a City Council member. On July 18, 2023, Council voted to appoint Tracy Peterson, who was the Municipal Engineer at the time, to become the City's designated representative. With Ms. Peterson's departure from the City, a new designee is needed. Dustin Albrecht, Environmental Specialist with the Water & Pollution Control Department, has interacted with the WMA and its constituent members for several years, forming partnerships that continue to benefit the City's non-point source nutrient reduction efforts. It is recommended that he be appointed as the City of Ames representative on the WMA.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the appointment of Dustin Albrecht, Environmental Specialist, to the Headwaters of the South Skunk River Watershed Management Authority.
2. Name a different appointee to the WMA.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Mr. Albrecht has been involved in the technical aspects of the WMA's watershed efforts for several years. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.**