

**Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting**

**To:** Cities, Counties, Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and other stakeholders in the Lower Cedar Watershed

**From:** Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority

**Date:** May 4, 2023

**Subject:** Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on May 9, 2023

**BACKGROUND:** In 2010, Iowa lawmakers passed legislation authorizing the creation of Watershed Management Authorities (Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 466B Subchapter II). A Watershed Management Authority (WMA) is a mechanism for cities, counties, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and stakeholders to cooperatively engage in planning and management at the watershed scale. A WMA was formed for the Lower Cedar Watershed including parts of Cedar, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott Counties.

A WMA is formed by a Chapter 28E Agreement by two or more eligible political subdivisions within the watershed. A board of directors governs the WMA, which may undertake the following activities:

* Assess and reduce flood risk;
* Assess and improve water quality;
* Monitor federal flood risk planning and activities;
* Educate residents of the watershed regarding flood risks and water quality; and
* Allocate moneys made available to the Authority for purposes of water quality and flood mitigation. A WMA does not have taxing authority and it may not acquire property through eminent domain.

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** The quarterly meeting of the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority board of directors has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm at the Tipton Public Library (**206 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA**). Cities, Counties, SWCDs and other watershed stakeholders are encouraged to attend and learn how they can collaborate with this important organization.

**MEETING AGENDA**: The complete meeting agenda follows, in addition to the full list of invited cities, counties, and SWCDs. Please post the agenda in a public location and share the invitation widely with staff, elected officials, and other interested stakeholders.

# Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority

# Board of Directors Meeting

## May 9, 2023

## Board Meeting 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

## Tipton Public Library

206 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item
4. Treasurers Report
	1. Financial Statement
	2. FY24 Budget / Invoices
5. Project Overview of Iowa Flood Center Hydrostation Expansion and Lower Cedar Modeling Project
6. Indian Creek Soil Health Partnership Update
7. Outreach
	1. Website update
	2. Volunteer water quality sampling project
8. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update – Emery Davis, Heartland
9. Other Business
	1. Member updates, announcements, events
10. Next Meeting – August 8, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (location TBD)
11. Adjournment

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