

**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:** March 2, 2023

**Subject:** Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on March 7, 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, March 7th at 6:30 pm in the West Branch Old Town Hall (**113 N. 1st Street, West Branch, 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 after Plan Open House

## March 7, 2023

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

## West Branch Old Town Hall

113 N. 1st Street, West Branch, IA

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from November 29, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item
4. Treasurers Report
	1. Financial Statement
	2. Funding Contributions
5. Approve letter of support for City of Durant stormwater wetland project – Action Item
6. Indian Creek Soil Health Coordinator Update
7. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update – Thomas Faucett, Heartland CO-OP
8. Outreach
	1. Clean Water Partner “Big Show” Radio Remote
	2. County Creek Sign Grant
9. Other Business
	1. Member updates, announcements, events
10. Next Meeting – May 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (location TBD)
11. Adjournment

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