



# MUSCATINE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

From: Muscatine SWCD and other members of the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority

Date: February 1, 2018

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>

**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 is being 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, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Cedar County Courthouse (400 Cedar Street, Tipton, IA 52772). This public meeting will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the courthouse. 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**

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm  
Cedar County Courthouse  
(large meeting room on lower level)  
400 Cedar Street  
Tipton, IA 52772**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Lower Cedar update:
  - a. Agreement – File M510633
  - b. Identify additional board members and alternates
3. Introduce Holly Howard, Lower Cedar Watershed Coordinator
  - a. Future meetings and email communications
4. Review revised by-laws from first meeting
  - a. Discuss revisions
  - b. Adopt by-laws
5. Selection of Officers/Executive Committee
6. Other business
  - a. Member updates and announcements
7. Public Input
8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 8th
9. Adjournment

***Please post this meeting notice and agenda in a public location.***

### Lower Cedar WMA – Eligible Members

<b>Counties &amp; SWCDs</b>	<b>Cities</b>
Cedar	Alburnett
Johnson	Atalissa
Jones	Bennett
Linn	Bertram
Louisa	Cedar Rapids
Muscatine	Conesville
Scott	Durant
	Fredonia
	Hiawatha
	Lisbon
	Lone Tree
	Marion
	Martelle
	Mechanicsville
	Mount Vernon
	Nichols
	Robins
	Springville
	Stanwood
	Stockton
	Tipton
	Walcott
	West Branch
	West Liberty
	Wilton