



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: November 7, 2019

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on November 12th, 2019

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, November 12th 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, November 12th, 2019 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 WMA Administrative Update:
 - a. Approval of the Agenda – (Action)
 - b. Approve minutes from August 13th, 2019 Board meeting – (Action)
3. Secretary election
4. Donations update
5. DNR Planning Grant (Action)
 - a. General information- 18 months, milestones and deliverables
 - b. Establish committees
 - i. Selection Committee
 - ii. Technical advisory committee
 - iii. Ag advisory committee
 - iv. Urban advisory committee
 - c. RFP Consultant- Publish by Nov. 25, close Jan. 10, RFP public meeting- Dec. 9 (Action)
 - i. LCWMA authorizes a RFP for a consultant.
 - ii. LCWMA authorizes the selection committee to approve RFP.
 - iii. LCWMA authorizes the selection committee to review proposals.
 - iv. LCWMA authorizes the Selection committee to recommend their selection to the LCWMA Board.
 - d. Board member survey over water quality @ February meeting- invitation to assist in drafting questions.
6. Funding mechanism for LCWMA discussion
 - a. Review formulas
 - i. Indian Creek- 6 entities: 60% area and 40% value of property in floodway to figure out % each entity should pay.
 - ii. Membership fee.
 - b. Discuss formulas

7. Purchasing and ordering items approval
 - a. Banner design
 - b. Ordering a banner (Action)
8. Cedar River Coalition- update
 - a. Last meeting was Nov. 8
9. Other business
 - a. Member updates, announcements, and events
10. Public Input
11. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 11th @ 6:30 PM Cedar County Courthouse
12. Adjournment

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

Lower Cedar WMA – Eligible Members

Counties & SWCDs	Cities
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