



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: August 12th, 2025

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on August 12th, 2025

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, August 12, 2025, 6:30 pm, at Idle Hour Lanes, 207 5th St, Durant, 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.

Cultivating a shared responsibility to sustain a healthy watershed now and into the future.

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Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 12, 2025
Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Idle Hour Lanes Bowling Alley
207 5th Street, Durant, Iowa 52747**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025, Meeting – **Action Item**
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. Financial Statement
5. West Branch Comprehensive Planning, Dr Eric Gidal Introduction
6. Aquifer Vulnerability Mapping- Keith Schilling, Iowa Geologic Survey
7. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update- Emery Davis, Heartland Co-op
 - a. Conservation Partners Grant Update
8. The Nature Conservancy Lower Cedar Update- Carissa Shoemaker, TNC
9. Linn County Soil Health Partnership Update – Marissa Cartwright, Linn County
10. Other Local Project Updates
11. Other Business
 - a. Member updates, announcements, events
 - Snapshot Sampling- Marty St. Clair
12. **Next Meeting – November 11, 2025, NEED TO RESCHEDULE, VETERANS' DAY**
13. Adjournment

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