



## Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Board of Directors Meeting

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

**From:** Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority

**Date:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Subject:** Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 13, 2025, 6:30 pm, at the Cedar County EMA office, 1410 Cedar St, Tipton, Iowa.** 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.

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**May 13, 2025**

**Board Meeting 6:30 pm**

**Cedar County EMA, 1410 Cedar St, Tipton, IA 52772**

[Zoom Link](#)

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025, April 15, 2025, Meetings – **Action Item**
4. Treasurers Report
  - a. Financial Statement
5. Service Agreement Update – Alyssa Comer, ECICOG
6. Letters of Support
  - a. BlueGAP - National Geographic Freshwater Storytelling Grant
  - b. Iowa Flood Center – Congressional Community Project Funding
7. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update- Emery Davis, Heartland Co-op
  - a. Heartland Contract Extension- **Action Item**
8. Linn County Soil Health Partnership Update – Marissa Cartwright, Linn County
9. Other Local Project Updates
10. Other Business
  - a. Funding opportunities
    - Current funding availability and changes
  - b. Outreach
  - c. Member updates, announcements, events
    - Trailblazers Academy- Women’s Prescribed Fire Workshop, June 3-5, 2025
11. Next Meeting – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, **location TBD**
12. Adjournment

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

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