



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: November 28, 2022

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on November 29, 2022

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, November 29th at approximately 6:30 pm (open house at 5:30 pm) in the West Branch 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.

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**Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting after Plan Open House**

November 29, 2022

Open House starts at 5:30 pm

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

West Branch Town Hall
113 N. 1st Street, West Branch, IA

Meeting Agenda

5:30 pm – Lower Cedar Watershed Management Plan Open House

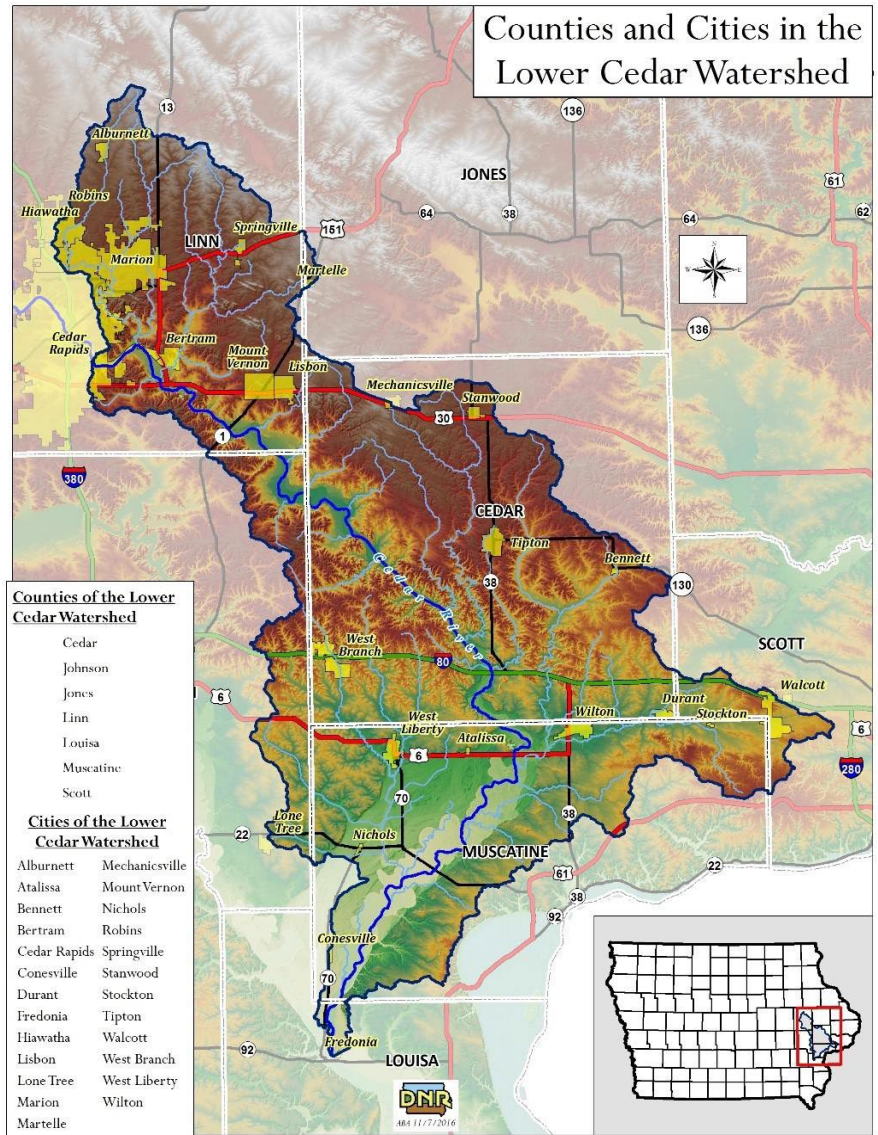
~6:00 pm – Plan highlights presented by Charles Ikenberry FYRA/HEI and Jennifer Fencil ECICOG

~6:30 pm – Lower Cedar WMA Board of Directors Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2022, Board Meeting
4. Treasurers Report
5. Introduce new Indian Creek Soil Health Coordinator – Alyssa Guritz
6. Presentation from Emery Davis – Heartland CO-OP – Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach
7. Lower Cedar Watershed Plan Contract Close-out
8. Other Business
 - a. Member updates, announcements, events
9. Next Meeting – Regular Date? February 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM (location TBD)
10. Adjournment

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



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