



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: February 7, 2024

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on February 13, 2024

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, February 13th, 6:30 pm, at the Cedar County Emergency Management Agency 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.

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

**Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 13, 2024
Board Meeting 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Cedar County Emergency Management Agency
1410 Cedar St, Tipton, Iowa**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. Financial Statement
5. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update – Ruth McCabe, Heartland Co-Op
6. Iowa Flood Center Hydro-station Expansion & Hydrologic Modeling Update - Daniel Gilles
7. The Nature Conservancy – Carissa Shoemaker, Floodplain Protection Specialist, The Nature Conservancy
8. Indian Creek Soil Health Partnership Update - Marissa Cartwright, Linn SWCD
9. West Branch Stream Project – Roger Laughlin
10. Member Representation Updates

Lower Cedar WMA Member	Appointee	Officer	Term Ends	Alternate 1
Linn County	Mike Tertinger	At Large		Stephanie Lientz
Cedar County SWCD	Alan Weets	At Large		Dean Eilers
Louisa County SWCD	Holly Howard	At Large		Dan Vogeler
Muscatine County SWCD	Travis Glynn	At Large		
Atalissa	Amy Foster	At Large		Jason Foster
Bertram	Scott Flaherty	At Large		Chris Price
Cedar Rapids	Justin Schroeder	At Large		Mary Beth Stevenson
Stanwood	Dustin McAtee	At Large		Tim Schultz
Walcott	John Kostichek	At Large		Lisa Rickertsen
Cedar County	Jon Bell	Chair		Jodi Freet
Muscatine County	Eric Furnas	Secretary		Kurt Kirchner
Johnson County	Bill Waldie	Treasurer		Kasey Hutchinson
Scott County SWCD	Richard Golinghorst	Vice Chair		

11. Outreach

- a. WMA Day at the Capitol

12. Other Business

- a. Funding opportunities – DNR Creek Sign Grant
- b. Member updates, announcements, events

13. Next Meeting – May 14, 2024 @ 6:30 PM location TBD (possibly West Branch, with stream project site visit)

14. Adjournment

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