



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 8, 2023

Subject: Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority Meeting on November 14, 2023

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 14th at 6:30 pm at the Lamp Memorial Community Center in Durant (606 5th Avenue, 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.

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

**November 14, 2023
Board Meeting 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Lamp Memorial Community Center
606 5th Avenue, Durant, IA**

Virtual Option: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2023, Board Meeting – Action Item
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. Financial Statement
5. Lower Cedar Conservation Outreach Update – Emery Davis, Heartland
6. Indian Creek Soil Health Partnership Update
7. Letter of Support for City of Durant funding application for stormwater wetland
8. Letter to legislators about supporting WMAs
9. Iowa Flood Center Hydro-station Expansion & Hydrologic Modeling Update - Kate Giannini, Daniel Gilles
10. Outreach
11. Other Business
 - a. Member updates, announcements, events
12. Next Meeting – February 13, 2023 @ 6:30 PM location TBD
13. Adjournment

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