

Minutes  
Hazard Mitigation/River Use Commission  
Waverly Civic Center  
7:00 pm November 16, 2010

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Attendance:

Commissioners

- Triplitt Present
- Parry Present
- Gritzner Present
- Engel Absent
- Reinhardt Absent
- Schloemer Present
- Neuendorf Present

Staff

- C.E. Cherry Absent
- C.A. Crayne Absent
- Liaison
- C.C. Lieb Absent
- Mayor
- Brunkhorst Present

### Approve Agenda:

**Triplitt:** Dr. Main to update the commission on the Cedar River Coalition meeting  
Motion to approve the agenda  
Moted by **Gritzner**  
Seconded by **Schloemer**  
Passes 5-0, Absent: **Engel, Reinhardt**

### Approve Minutes:

October Minutes  
Motion by **Neuendorf**  
Seconded By **Parry**  
Passes 5-0, Absent: **Engel, Reinhardt**

### Questions/Comments from Guests:

Kip introduces a Wartburg student who is sitting in on political meetings and is majoring in Political Science and Community Sociology.

### Unfinished Business:

#### LSB Gift:

**Triplitt:** Sent an email to Scott Fish with the 4 ideas, crossing guards, rain gardens, rain barrels and educational fliers. Scott would like to see the bulk of the funds to go to the crossing guards. In the spring, if there is money left over, maybe that could go towards rain barrels.

**Mayor Brunkhorst:** So we need to have Mike get the cost for the gates to see how much is left over. As far as the fliers, we could put a flier in WLP that could go out with the bills. Ask Mike to put it on the next month's Council agenda.

#### NWS "High Water Mark" sign:

**Triplitt:** We recommended that it be placed in Kohlman Park, but Leisure Services did not want it there at all.

**Mayor Brunkhorst:** Tab said that he did not want it in a visible location. Maybe the park shelter, maintenance building, or behind the fire station.

**Parry:** What is the purpose of the sign?

**Kip:** Informational sign with website on it and showing the height of the historic flood.

**Parry:** Likes the idea of something telling what happened but not at the park because of the real estate issue as a constant reminder, and go to the park to have fun and see that.

**Kip:** Told the NWS that he thought that the City of Waverly would like to have the sign, but if it's not going to be used, they would like it back. It is for educational and historical purposes.

**Parry:** Thinks it would be ok for historical, but not in the park.

**Schloemer:** Has seen signs along roads in other towns.

**Neuendorf:** The park was thought to be a good place because of the it being visible and Mike said it could also show what the dam could do for us. Maybe on the green bridge?

**Triplitt:** Is more intrigued to hear what the 3 commissioners were affected by the flood and see what they think we should do with it. It should be also known as a badge of courage for what we did. Maybe on the fence of the green bridge?

**Schloemer:** Maybe down by the Amvets.

**Mayor Brunkhorst:** On the back side of the fire station, along the trail, near the river would be a good place. But we would have to see if the fire department would be ok with it. Engel could present it to them.

**Kip:** NWS wants to know if there would be anything formal done.

**Triplitt:** Doesn't know if there will be, since it is a touchy issue.

**Schloemer:** It would be good to have it behind the fire station as a thank you to them and be humbling.

**Commission:** Agrees that behind the fire station would be acceptable. Do something formal during Flood Awareness Week.

## New Business:

### River Use Discussion:

**Schloemer:** Says he has some ideas such as "Smoke on the Wapsie" days, River days, do as many things in the park along the river, ski shows. Boat rides on. We also could do ice skating.

**Triplitt:** We could also look at doing a boat float at night? The water trail would be good too.

**Kip:** Wapsie does a poker run up by Fredricka. Also we do a fish run, where you buy a fish and and they dump them in the river and the first fish to finish wins. They also do a lighted boat parade on the Wapsie. They also do a snow golf tournament. South of the dam is a great float, too. In the Spring, I take people out in kayaks and canoes.

**Commission:** Contact JC's, Darren, Boy Scouts, Ski Club for boats and others to get coordinated to put an event together. Plan a time and date to hold an event.

**Brunkhorst:** Informed the Commission that the band shell has two possible locations, Kohlman Park or the Fair Grounds. Decision should be made by the end of the year.

## Tabled Items:

## Project Status:

### Waverly Dam Reconstruction

### SE Waverly Flood Protection Study:

**Neuendorf:** Before the meeting was an open house and it was very well done. Study shows 100 yr. flood protection and will cost a lot of money. By building the levies, it will push the river up no more than a foot. This is a big project that doesn't protect a lot of homes and mine is one of them.

**Triplitt:** Says that FEMA would have to do modeling before anything could be done.

**Brunkhorst:** Are we going to meet next month to hear a report from AECOM?

**Schloemer:** Makes motion to cancel the December Commission meeting.

**Perry:** Seconded

Motion passes 5-0, Absent: **Engel, Reinhardt**

Dry Run Creek Flood Mitigation HMGP Funding Application

Dry Run Creek Watershed Management Plan - IA DNR Funding Application

River Level Staff Gages

## Subcommittees:

River Use

Planning and Zoning

## Soil & Water Conservation District:

**Kip:** There is a project that is going on at the Council that Bob can tell you about water quality and a sink hole. Can get some funds to create ponds which slow down the water.

**Brunkhorst:** Applied for funds with the DNR to get someone to coordinate getting that stuff done.

**Triplitt:** Is that something that the Cedar River Coalition should do?

**Kip:** You need to get it started.

## SE Flood Evaluation

### Community Action Plan:

**Brunkhorst:** Glen will look at it and the committee can look at it, then present it to the Commission. Getting cert teams together. Impacts with the new dam and see how it all ties in. Should be done before the May flood season.

**Kip:** Stated that all his gauges are in place up stream.

## Group Discussion:

### Dr. Main to update Commission on the Cedar River Watershed Coalition:

There is modeling being done and they are at Charles City working the river and the creeks.

**Triplitt:** The concern is that most of the steering committee members are between Cedar Rapids and Waterloo and stops there. Has that changed?

**Dr. Main:** Charles City was there. There are some water conservation projects being started in Lynn and Worth Counties. Worth County is probably the only county that is 100% in the Cedar Watershed. They have been focusing on the Smart Program. Start a regional watershed program. Stated that if you go to the state for funding, it should have statewide ownership for that project. The next meeting will be in mid January.

## Adjournment: 8:19pm

Motioned by: Com. **Neuendorf**

Seconded by: Com. **Gritzner**