

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, October 18, 2011

Attendance

Commissioners: Triplitt –Present Parry –Present Engel –Present Jacks –Present Reinhardt –Absent Schloemer –Present Neuendorf –Present	Staff: C.E. Cherry –Present C.A. Crayne –Absent	Guests: Kip Ladage Chris Neuendorf
	Liaison: C.C. Lieb –Present Mayor Brunkhorst –Present	

Approve Agenda: Motioned- Engel, seconded- Neuendorf

Approve Minutes: Motioned- Neuendorf, seconded- Schloemer

Questions/ Comments – None

Unfinished Business

- **Discuss Water Trail**- Jacks shared information about river access points in Bremer County. Cherry shared a draft of a brochure created by Kevin with Cedar Valley waterways. Bremer County accesses on the Cedar River will be highlighted on the map even though it is not a designated water trail by the state. Everything else on the Cedar River from Janesville south and on the Wapsipinicon is designated as a water trail by the state. We discussed what the requirements are for signage. Cherry will be in further contact with Kevin and keep the commission updated on the status of the project.
- **Dedication of New Dam**- Cherry said establishing a date for a dedication has been a challenge as the dam is still being worked on and the date needs to be far enough out that there is enough time to notify everyone. A date is still trying to be set.

New Business

- **Cedar River Watershed Meeting** – Lieb shared a handout he compiled with Tab Ray following the last meeting in September. The handout included information about available resources for getting started in watershed management.
- **Dry Run Project**- A handout was presented with two alternatives to improving the dry run. Cherry walked the commission through the packet explaining changes to the current dry run and where they are necessary – installing new box culverts, digging deeper and/ or wider, etc. Maps were included showing 8 phases of the improvement project. A budget was also presented. Discussion was also held about the possibility of removing some crossings going east-west because the deeper/ wider dry run would be more dangerous to have a road run through. Other projects that will compete with the dry run project for funding include the Cedar River Parkway, 4th Street reconstruction between Dairy Queen and Burger King, Bremer Avenue west of 12th Street reconstruction, a new pool. Neuendorf made a motion to bring this to the council and recommend they support investing in the first phase of the plan. Engel seconded the motion, passed 6-0.
- **Use of Volunteers** –Skipped due to length of meeting, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Tabled Items -None

Project Status Report

- **Waverly Dam Reconstruction**- Cherry reported there was a problem with the west half of the dam losing air pressure. The dam was tested against the east half and it was found that the hose clamps were causing air to leak over time. This has been addressed and things should move forward. The coffer dam should come out next week if all goes well.

Subcommittees

- **River Use**- No report
- **Planning and Zoning**- No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District**- Triplitt reported after the most recent meeting about legislation for watershed coalition development. It would split the Cedar River watershed into three sections (upper, middle, and lower). He said it sounded like Charles City was interested in applying. Brunkhorst will contact the Charles City mayor to discuss interest. Triplitt will contact the Bremer County Conservation Board to update them and get their input.
- **Community Action Plan** – Waiting for Cherry to look over recommendations

Group Discussion –Engel shared a handout he picked up that is put out by Arbor Day Foundation/ Tree City. It talks about communities and what a difference planting trees make in taming storm water. The group discussed the possibility of sharing the information with the community. Engel will contact the organization to see if we can get permission to share the information in a city flyer, bill, etc. Cherry shared the city did receive the REAP funding of \$65K for riverbank restoration along the AmVets area. He believes this restoration will take place next summer.

Adjournment: Motioned –Parry, seconded- Schloemer Passed 6-0