

Minutes  
**Hazard Mitigation/River Use Commission**  
Waverly Civic Center  
7:00 pm April 19, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Staff:	Liaison:
Triplitt - present	C.E. Cherry - present	C.C. Lieb - present
Parry - absent	C.A. Crayne - absent	Mayor Brunkhorst - present
Engel - present		
Jacks - present		
Reinhardt - absent		
Schloemer - present		
Neuendorf - present		

Guests: Bremer Co. Emergency Manager Kip Ladage

APPROVE AGENDA: motioned - Neuendorf, seconded – Schloemer  
Passed 5-0

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES: motioned – Neuendorf, seconded – Engel  
Passed 5-0

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS:  
None

NEW BUSINESS:

Morgan Jacks was introduced as the newest HMRU Commission member.  
M. Cherry updated the commission on progress with the Dry Run Creek high water crossing gates. A bid has been received and they will be ordered. These are being purchased with funds from the LSB gift. Remaining funds and general gate operation were also discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Flood Awareness program on March 15<sup>th</sup> was favorably received and should be considered for inclusion again next year. Discussion followed.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is still the Rain Barrel and Composting Bin Sale date. 9 - 4 P.M. Newspaper inserts will go out in May and be placed at select Waverly locations. Information will also be on the cable channel and Mike Cherry is to place it on the City's website.

PROJECTS:

Dam Update – M. Cherry advised approximately 3 weeks lost due to the cofferdam failure. A fall completion is still anticipated. Discussion followed.

S.E. Flood Protection Study – Due to a consultant scheduling conflict, this will be discussed by the City Council on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mike will try to get this commission an update by our next meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The consultant will likely layout multiple options & costs for consideration.

Dry Run Creek – The dam project addresses the 100 yr. river flooding impacts, but not flash flooding impacts by the dry run. The Commission discussed gathering additional public input from Waverly residents on prioritization between Waverly flood protection efforts versus Dry Run Creek improvements. Phase 1 of any Dry Run Creek improvements would involve areas south of Bremer Ave. with Phase 2 being north of Bremer Avenue. Currently there is no external funding available for such work. Depending upon the funding sought (federal vs. local) the total cost is estimated to be \$4 - 5M. C. Triplitt inquired about public comments concerning brush growth and dumping in the creek and M. Cherry advised he was not aware of any issues. Discussion followed. The HMRU Commission may want to weigh in with an opinion to Council at some point.

#### SUBCOMMITTEES:

##### River Use – Reinhardt / Jacks

No input at this time. K. Ladage reported there are State guidelines river trails must follow to be listed and, as such, these need consideration. We might want to begin by publishing existing access points.

##### Planning & Zoning – Neuendorf

No engagement with the P&Z yet. Overall our Commission can address issues but P&Z would have to implement any recommendations. Current belief is that there is little appetite at P&Z for any regulatory changes. Discussion followed regarding involvement in P&Z issues by the HMRU Commission.

##### Soil & Water – Triplitt

C. Triplitt updated S&W on our rain barrel sales project. It was discussed that the S&W Commission should be advised that the Rural Conservation Development's (RCD) budget has been cut.

##### S.E. Flood Evaluation – Neuendorf / Schloemer

This commission will try to get more residents from south of the green bridge involved in future meetings.

##### Community Action Plan review – Engel / Triplett / Parry

G. Engel advised input has been obtained from a majority of the sub-committee and he is ready to meet with the City Engineer. Potential dates were discussed.

TABLED ITEMS: None

#### GROUP DISCUSSION:

G. Lieb discussed a Cedar River Watershed meeting recently held in Marble Rock. He felt there was good interaction between rural and urban interests. E-Resources sponsored the event but State involvement is needed. Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 will be their next meeting. G. Lieb will try to attend and report back.

ADJOURNMENT: moved - Neuendorf, seconded - Jacks

Passed 5-0