

**Minutes**  
**Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission**  
**Waverly Civic Center**  
**7:00 pm, July 19, 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: Steve Main Duane Liddle Dave Frerking
	Liaison: C.C. Lieb –Present Mayor Brunkhorst –Absent	

**Approve Agenda:** Motioned- Engel, seconded- Neuendorf Passed 6-0

**Approve Minutes:** Motioned- Schloemer, seconded- Engel

**Questions/ Comments**

- Next Cedar River Watershed Coalition meeting - Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

**Unfinished Business**

- **Informing SE residents on flood protection status-** Schloemer talked to residents about our discussion at the previous meeting to put pursuing flood protection on-hold for SE residents. He said they understood and were ok with that decision. He will send a mass email to them all.
- **Plan amendment from W-SR School-** The plan amendment went to Council to be approved according to Cherry. This was necessary for the school to be able to apply for funding for a safe room. The City's plan will incorporate the schools needs by amendment to the current plan.
- **Discuss Water Trail-** Jacks started compiling information about access points on the Cedar River between Charles City and Cedar Falls. Discussion was held about getting others informed and involved in the process, i.e. city, conservation board, ski club. The possibility of an open house was discussed to help share information once we are a little further into the process. We need to know who is using the water, how they can help us, who will help pay for signage & the brochures, a timetable for the project with a target of April 2012. Cherry will contact Kevin Blanshan with INRCOG about the brochures. Contact will need to be made with Janesville, Bremer County Conservation, Black Hawk County Conservation, Floyd County Conservation, DNR, Chamber of Commerce.

**New Business**

- **Joint Commission Meeting** – Four members represented HMRU at the meeting. They shared the meeting was educational and very good. There will be an August 8<sup>th</sup> presentation of the changes recommended. Planning and Zoning pushed to encourage businesses to become more active. Lieb mentioned a chain of lakes that was discussed which could be developed adjacent to the Cedar River for recreational use north of Waverly.
- **Restoration of AmVets Riverbank-**Cherry presented the board with an item not on the agenda. The City would like to apply for a REAP grant of \$100,000 to aid in restoration of the riverbank along the AmVets property. There are two sections with concrete that could be removed and the riverbank restored with natural vegetation and appropriate rip-rap. Cherry asked the commission to provide a letter of support. Cherry provided the commission with photo documentation of the river bank, map of the area, and summary of the grant writing. Neuendorf motioned to endorse and approve the endeavor of the City to improve the riverbank. Schloemer seconded. The commission passed the motion 6-0.

**Tabled Items -None**

**Project Status Report**

- **Waverly Dam reconstruction**- Cherry reported the dam is working great. With the higher water it has been tested and performed well, encouraging that when the whole dam is finished it will perform as expected. According to gauge readings, the old dam would have had water at a level four feet higher than the new dam. There has been increased recreation above the dam. Although the level of the water is not changing by much, the velocity of the water flowing through the area is going up instead. This is something people will need to watch for. Discussion was held about safety above the dam with faster water. The rope will go back across once work on the dam has finished. Signs with warnings may also be posted.
- **Dry Run Project**- Commission wants to know what is next in this process. Cherry will provide a timeline in October/ November. The City does favor the project and sees it being done in the next 10 years. It was discussed at Council but no funding has been allocated. Cherry stated he would like to see three phases to the project (1<sup>st</sup> St-4<sup>th</sup> St, 4<sup>th</sup> St-Bremer, Bremer-5<sup>th</sup> Ave).

**Subcommittees**

- **River Use**- Water trail discussed earlier
- **Planning and Zoning**- Joint commission meeting discussed earlier
- **Soil and Water Conservation District**- Triplitt attended meeting, group will have a display at the Bremer County Fair on Thursday evening showing water flow and filtration through cities and fields to rivers.
- **SE Flood Evaluation**- This item will be removed from the agenda.
- **Community Action Plan** – Nothing new to share. Waiting to hear from Mayor Brunkhorst about possible dates for table-top exercise.

**Group Discussion**

- Schloemer provided a Plan of Action for Potential Flooding to the Commission as an example of something neighborhoods in SE Waverly could use. He discussed how his neighborhood was set up and reacted at various water levels during a flood. The Commission discussed this as something that needs to be shared with the public, a subject for next year's open house.

**Adjournment:** Motioned –Engel, seconded- Parry Passed 6-0