

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, January 17, 2012

Attendance

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

Approve Agenda: Motioned- Turnball, seconded- Parry, passed 6-0

Approve Minutes: Motioned- Schloemer, seconded- Neuendorf, passed 6-0

Questions/ Comments – None

Unfinished Business

- **Process for Storm Watchers** - Kip Ladage shared information and answered questions about how storm watchers are alerted and activated in times of need. The dispatcher notifies on-duty officers to watch while they are patrolling. There are also citizens that have been trained and certified to storm watch.

New Business

- **Elect new Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary** – Some discussion was held about positions but due to ending terms and new members it was decided to table elections. Neuendorf motioned to table this. Schloemer seconded the motion, passed 6-0.
- **Terms ending and volunteer from Dedication** – Parry stated her term was up in March and she does not wish to continue. Neuendorf and Schloemer also stated their terms were up but were willing to serve another if approved by the mayor and Council. Triplitt was approached by someone at the Dam Dedication who would be interested in volunteering. Triplitt will talk with the mayor about new volunteers.
- **Water Trail Signage** – A packet was provided with maps of the water trail, where signs would be placed, and the inventory of signs that would be needed to establish signage for the water trail along the Cedar River from Plainfield to Waverly. Cherry discussed the packet with the commission. The next step is to go over it with the DNR to assure all necessary signs are placed and nothing is overlooked. Cherry will also follow up with the state and county about sign placement along roadways and in parks. Funding was also discussed as it is projected to cost around \$20K for signs. Cherry stated the signs for the dam (\$6K) would be funded by the dam reconstruction funds. The remaining \$14K would need to come from other sources. The commission would like to bring this up to the council at their budget planning meetings for possible support.
- **Upper Cedar River Watershed** – Mayor Brunkhorst shared an email about an early February kick-off meeting in Charles City. The event is still in the planning stage. Gene stated the next Cedar River Coalition meeting would be February 10th at the Black Hawk County Conservation Office.

Tabled Items -None

Project Status Report -None

Subcommittees

- **River Use** - No report
- **Planning and Zoning** - No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District** - No report
- **Community Action Plan** – A tabletop exercise is still in the works for March. Ladage and Cherry have discussed doing a flood related exercise.

Group Discussion – Cherry shared a little bit more about the status of the dry run reconstruction. A detailed study of the area needs to be done from the Cedar River to Bremer Avenue. Cherry stated three consultants would be used. The study will look at the dry run block by block and all adjacent properties and also the difference in raising protection from the 100 year event to a 500 year event. The study could hopefully begin in July and wrap up in December, so recommendations can be made to the Council based on the results of the study. Cherry stated once the dry run reconstruction is finished, revisions could be made to the FEMA flood map to areas south of Bremer Avenue.

Ladage asked about possible access to the Cedar River at the north end of Kohlmann Park, maybe adding gravel to level out the ground. Cherry stated there would be a floating dock on the north side of City Hall once the water trail is established. This will serve as a take out for the portage around the dam.

Lieb shared that he wanted everyone to be aware of some documents and familiar with them as we move forward. They include the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, the Iowa Smart Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan.

Questions were raised about the possibility of doing another rain barrel sale. The commission was not sure how many barrels remained from last year's sales. Doing sales every other year or doing a presale before ordering barrels was also discussed. Triplitt stated he would email Brunkhorst and ask those questions.

Adjournment: Motioned –Parry, seconded- Neuendorf, passed 6-0