

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, February 21, 2012

Attendance

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

Approve Agenda: Motioned- Turnball, seconded- Parry

Approve Minutes: Motioned- Schloemer, seconded- Neuendorf, passed 7-0

Questions/ Comments – None

Unfinished Business

- **Elect new Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary** – Triplitt stated he would be willing to continue as Chair. Schloemer stated he would volunteer to be Co-chair. Jacks is willing to continue as secretary. Some discussion was held about positions but due to ending terms and new members it was decided to table elections. Turnball motioned approval of these positions. Engel seconded, the motion passed 7-0.
- **Terms ending** – Parry is finished serving on the commission. Neuendorf and Schloemer have reached the ends of their terms but will continue on the commission. Mayor Brunkhorst will work on finding a replacement for Parry.
- **Upper Cedar River Watershed** – A representative spoke to the council and then met with some commission members last night. Friday there is a meeting in Charles City which many commission members have stated they will attend to learn more.

New Business

- **Flood Awareness Week** –Discussion was held about doing an event for Flood Awareness Week. Cherry stated there is some information about it in the city newsletter. Focus then turned to doing something in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week in April. The commission liked the idea of buying or getting donations for five weather radios. A partnership with KWAY could be formed to educate the listening audience about severe weather and trivia questions asked each day during the week. The winner of each day’s question would receive a radio.

Tabled Items -None

Project Status Report

- **Water Trail Signage** – Cherry stated the sign inventory list seems to be under control. He plans to meet with the DNR within the next couple weeks. Signs will not be ordered/ made until the ok is given by the DNR. All property owners adjacent to the river must be contacted about what we are doing and given the opportunity to comment. Sign placement should not be a problem because most signs will be placed on City- or County-owned land.

Subcommittees

- **River Use**- No report
- **Planning and Zoning**- No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District**- No report
- **Community Action Plan** – Engel is waiting for Cherry to look over recommendations to the action plan. A tabletop exercise is still in the works but a date has not been determined.

Group Discussion –

- Discussion was held about the changes made by the national Weather Service to flood stage classifications. Cherry stated that the changes do not affect the FEMA flood map. Mild, moderate, and severe flooding will be defined based on the type of impact (property damage, transportation disruption, etc) on the community. The level of the river at Waverly's gauge will not change because the dam will compensate for rising water by lowering to maintain a certain level. There is a possibility of relocating the gauge for a more accurate reading in the event of a flood.
- Triplitt asked the commission to come up with goals for the year so he could present them to the city council next week. The commission came up with:
 1. Review the planning and project development of working on the dry run creek.
 2. Finishing signage and work on the water trail.
 3. Implement changes made to the Community Action Plan and have a tabletop exercise in the next six months.
 4. Form a relationship with the Upper Cedar River Watershed and work with them on future projects.
- Lieb shared information from the most recent Watershed Coalition meeting. He provided the group with two handouts. A topic of discussion at the meeting had been the Farm Bill.
- Ladage shared information about an upcoming severe weather spotter class that will be held on March 12th at 6:30pm in WBC 214 at Wartburg College.

Adjournment: Motioned –Engel, seconded- Jacks, passed 7-0