

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

**Attendance**

Commissioners: Triplitt –Present Nielsen –Present Engel –Present Jacks –Present Turnball –Present Schloemer –Present Neuendorf –Present	Staff: C.E. Cherry –Present C.A. Crayne –Absent	Guests: John Campbell
	Liaison: C.C. Lieb –Present Mayor Brunkhorst –Present	

**Approve Agenda:** Motioned- Turnball, seconded- Schloemer, passed 7-0

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

**Questions/ Comments** – John Campbell talked about his concern for the commission to continue working on river use and promoting the river as a benefit to the community. He also drew attention to the sandbar and increased vegetation north of the dam. Campbell also talked about efforts made in flood prevention/ dry run and detention basins. A basin near his home collects silt and runoff and vegetation grows. He has cleaned it out and discussion was held about this topic. Drafts of the Upper Cedar Watershed Management agreement and bylaws were handed out. These are for the commission to review.

**Unfinished Business** - none

**New Business**

- **Disaster Drill Tabletop Exercise** – This will not take place May 10<sup>th</sup> as previously planned. Cherry, Crayne, and Engel will work on choosing a new date or pair of dates. A multi day exercise may be planned to allow participants more time to think over the disaster and develop questions. This would not be open to the public. A press release may be put out afterwards to inform the public about the exercise. More information will be shared with the commission once a date and time are set.
- **Review Iowa DNR Approved Dam Operations Document** – Cherry reviewed a previously shared document with many charts and information about river levels comparing the old and new dam. He discussed the level of the river, flood maps, how to determine the river level based off levels at Charles City and Janesville, different flood events and river levels, and the plan of action in a flood event. The focus will now start in SE Waverly rather than the St. Paul’s area. Discussion was held about the current location and benefits of the USGS gage and the possibility of moving it to get a more accurate reading south of the dam.

**Tabled Items**

- **Commission elections** – Positions were decided upon, voted on, and passed at the February meeting.

**Project Status Report**

- **Water Trail Signage** – Cherry had nothing new to report.

### **Subcommittees**

- **River Use**- No report
- **Planning and Zoning**- No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District**- Triplitt stated the group did not show much interest in the Upper Cedar River Watershed Authority. Ron Lenth with the ISU Extension Service will be the group's representative.
- **Community Action Plan** – No report

### **Group Discussion –**

- Ann Nielsen was welcomed to the commission.
- Mayor Brunkhorst shared the names of the Severe Weather Awareness week emergency radio winners. They were: Laurie Ackerman, Fredericksburg; Brenda Geuther, Waverly; Jennifer Keeling, Clarksville; Keith Miehaus, Waverly; Louise McGinness, Cedar Falls.

**Adjournment:** Motioned –Turnball, seconded- Triplitt, passed 7-0