

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, November 20, 2012

Attendance

Commissioners: Triplitt –Present Nielsen –Absent Engel –Present Jacks –Present Turnball –Present Schloemer –Present Neuendorf –Present	Staff: C.E. Cherry –Present C.A. Crayne –Absent Liaison: C.C. Lieb –Absent Mayor Brunkhorst –Present	Guests: Steve Main Phil Jones Chris Neuendorf Kip Ladage
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Approve Agenda

Motioned - Turnball, seconded - Neuendorf

Approve Minutes:

Motioned - Engel, seconded - Schloemer

Questions/ Comments

- Steve Main told the group he would be attending the December 6th steering committee meeting for the Upper Cedar River Watershed Coalition.
- Phil Jones, the new City Administrator, was introduced to the group by the mayor.

Unfinished Business

- **Winter Use Discussions** – Neuendorf and Turnball are planning to set up a meeting with Kip Ladage and Mayor Brunkhorst to plan the event with more detail. Mayor Brunkhorst has been promoting the event on KWAY.

New Business

- **Financing project with revolving state fund** – Triplitt did more investigation into the state revolving fund program. He shared that information with the group. There are some informational meetings coming up that someone from the City could attend to learn more about the Dry Run Project possibly qualifying for the program.

Tabled Items – None

Project Status Report

- **Water Trail and Signage** – Jacks provided an update from the Water Trail Steering Committee meeting. At this point, it is projected to take 3-5 years to complete the water trail project and become state designated. Many of the people at the meeting were surprised to hear that time frame and not satisfied with it. Colleen from INRCOG also stated the signs posted as dam warnings do not meet DNR specifications. There was not a lot more discussed at the meeting. The next meeting is November 29th.
- **Dry Run Creek Improvements, Phase 1** – Cherry reported and shared pictures of the projected improvements to the Dry Run Creek. Discussion was held about the different sections of the dry run and where each section would be used. The north end of the dry run is on Wartburg property. Wartburg has shown interest in implementing a wetland/ rain garden environment with possible grant money for this section. Discussion was held about eliminating some low

water crossings on the north side of Bremer Ave. and also installing box culverts. On December 17th there will be a formal update at the City Council meeting.

- **AmVets Riverbank Restoration Project** – Spring of 2013.

Subcommittees

- **River Use** – No report
- **Planning and Zoning** – No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District** – No report
- **Community Action Plan** – Engel reported a third session was held November 6th to continue talking about the continuity of operations and what needs to be included in an action plan. He talked about a possible National Incident Management System training in February. He would like to have another tabletop exercise following the training for more practice.

Group Discussion

- Schloemer stated the river clean-up with the W-SR Honor Society on October 27th went well. There were 15 students that attended. Two dumpsters were filled and over 30 bags of garbage were collected. Some appliances were marked along the riverbank for removal later. The Honor Society would like to make the clean-up an annual event. Pictures from the clean-up will be included in the City's winter newsletter.
- Discussion was held about skipping the December meeting. Turnball motioned to cancel the meeting, Neuendorf seconded the motion, approved 6-0.

Adjournment: Motioned – Schloemer, seconded - Jacks, passed 6-0