

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE FLOOD RISK AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY FOR A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED.

~Improving the Upper Cedar Watershed: Challenges & Successes~

Cedar River Watershed Coalition Spring 2017 Meeting

Friday, March 31st, 2017 • 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Milton R. Owen Nature Center, 18793 Hwy 9, Osage, IA 50461

Meeting Agenda

10:00 am Welcome & Introductions

Coalition Co-Chairs Rob Hogg, State Senator and Vern Fish, Black Hawk County

10:15 am Panel: Upper Cedar Watershed Improvement

Panelists will provide an introduction to current watershed improvement efforts, highlighting their successes, challenges, and overall goals. What will it take to achieve 'success' in their project?

- Upper Cedar Watershed Management Authority (*Dennis Carney, Upper Cedar WMA Secretary*)
- Rock Creek Watershed Project (*Wayne Fredericks & Dean Sponheim, Rock Creek farmers*)
- Upper Cedar Urban-Rural Partnership (*Steve Diers, City of Charles City*)
- Upper Cedar Watershed District (*Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD & Cedar River Watershed District, MN*)

11:00 am Economic Impacts of Soil Loss to Farmers

Rick Cruse, Director of ISU Water Center

11:30 am Watershed News & Updates

Upcoming events, meetings, and announcements from partners

12:00 pm Lunch (courtesy of Iowa Corn Growers)

Ben Gleason, Iowa Corn Growers Sustainable Program Manager, will introduce the Retain program and resources for farmers.

12:30 pm Prairie Pothole Wetland Restoration

Overview of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, with a focus on the water quality benefits of the Slough Creek Wetland.

- Judy Krebsbach, Iowa Dep't of Agriculture & Land Stewardship: CREP Program in Iowa
- Chris Jones, University of Iowa – IIHR: Water Monitoring at Slough Creek Wetland

1:00 pm Slough Creek Wetland Site Visit

Site visit to the Slough Creek Wetland

2:30 pm Adjourn