

# HISTORY OF CLEAN WATER ALLIANCE AND WATER QUALITY COMMISSION

*The Path to Clean Water*



# CWA BRIEF HISTORY

- Formalized in 1990 through efforts of INHF and Dickinson SWCD
- Mostly sharing of information and no formal organizational structure
- Watchdog and promoting clean water



# CWA OBJECTIVES

- Coordinate
- Communicate
- Educate
- Facilitate
- Fund



# COORDINATE

CWA will seek to create harmony among the participating partners in an ongoing effort that solves duplication, sharing information, and promoting cooperation.



## **COMMUNICATE**

The CWA Coordinator will be the messenger of clean water activities to the Dickinson County Citizens and others through public outreach, print and electronic media, and other means to inform the public of all issues facing our lakes.





# EDUCATE

The CWA will enlighten the citizens and others of water quality issues throughout the county.



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# FACILITATE

The CWA will unite members of the CWA to solve common concerns by defining similar goals and guiding members to cooperative projects.



# FUND

The CWA will lead the way in guiding members to potential funding sources for projects. The CWA Coordinator will assist project partnerships in grant writing and seeking matching money. The Coordinator will assist the Water Quality Commission in its annual process to grant money to worthy projects.





# WATER QUALITY COMMISSION

- Established 2001
  - Created to provide local matching funds
  - Attempt was to create a taxing district – failed
  - Group gathered after the failing vote
    - Hired Boddie Media
    - Idea for 28E Concept was developed
    - 28E agreement was passed unanimously through each member entity



# WATER QUALITY COMMISSION

- 1.9 million granted for projects
- 23 million in matching funds has been brought in for projects
- Projects such as:
  - Anglers Bay
  - Okoboji View Golf Course
  - Aquatic Invasive Species
  - Low Impact Development (East Okoboji Beach)
  - Preservation Plaza



# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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