



## River City Raptor MVP

Talan Tabbert, a member of the River City Raptors baseball team received MVP Honors at the state tournament held in West Des Moines. The award is voted on by coaches of the opposing teams. Talan will be a seventh grader this year at Central Springs Middle School and is the son of Troy and Lora Tabbert of Manly.

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integral part of successful farming, not an after-thought or government mandate. This approach is more effective than top-down regulation, especially in a state where individual property rights and agricultural heritage run deep.

#### Leveraging Resources and Partnerships

Addressing Iowa's water quality crisis requires significant investment, financial and social. CDI plays a crucial role in connecting landowners to the myriad state and federal programs that offer cost-share and incentive payments for conservation practices. They help navigate the paperwork and ensure that funding — including from the Iowa Water Quality Initiative, the USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) --- gets to those who need it most. Additionally, Conservation Districts reinforce the value to the land and legacy that conservation practices create.

CDI is also adept at building partnerships. They work closely with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, universities, conservation organizations, and local watershed groups. These collaborations increase the impact of individual programs, encourage innovation, and keep conservation front and center in the policy conversation.

#### Education and Next-Generation Stewards

Sustaining Iowa's progress on water quality depends on educating the next generation. CDI invests heavily in outreach, from classroom presentations to field days and soil judging contests. Conservation districts sponsor scholarship programs, an all-day student Envirothon contest, elementary age conservation poster contests and school tree planting lessons, all opportunities for hands-on learning. In doing so, they cultivate not only technical knowledge, but also a lifelong ethic of stewardship.

They also reach out to absentee landowners, urban residents, and local government officials, helping them understand how rural land management choices affect everyone downstream. By fostering a sense of shared responsibility, CDI helps bridge the rural/urban divide that often complicates water policy.

#### Measuring Results and Facing Challenges

Progress in conservation is hard-won and sometimes slow. Water quality improvements may lag years behind new practices and the research that supports those practices.

CDI is committed to tracking results, learning from researchers, and encouraging new strategies as they are proven.

Challenges remain—climate change is increasing the variability and intensity of weather patterns, which can undo years of careful work in a single storm. Economic pressures and volatile commodity prices can make conservation a hard sell for farmers facing thin margins. And there are still gaps in policy, funding, and public awareness.

#### A Vision for the Future

Iowa's water quality crisis did not emerge overnight, and it will not be solved quickly. But the Conservation Districts of Iowa have demonstrated that local leadership, practical solutions, and a spirit of shared stewardship can move the needle. They are proof that when farmers, communities, and conservationists join hands, it is possible to sustain both the land and the livelihoods that depend upon it.

As Iowa looks to the future, the role of CDI will only grow in importance. With continued support, innovation, and investment, Iowa's conservation districts can help ensure that the state's waters run cleaner, its soils remain fertile, and its rural legacy endures for generations to come.



## Nora Springs Eagles 11U State Runner-Up

The Nora Springs 11U baseball team is the Iowa USSSA State Tournament Runner-Up after falling by one run in the Championship Finals due to time limits. The team was coached by Josh Berman, Justin Crum, Josh Sturges and Justin Heimer. Members of the team, from left Tucker Crum, Henrik Sturges, Decker McDonough, Will Bratrud, Tripp Grady, Leo Paulus, Keeghan Severson, Bryce Heimer, Teagan Berman, Kallan Kohler and Noah Overbeck.

### Nora Springs Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF NORA SPRINGS –**  
**NOTICE OF**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PROPOSED REZONING**  
**OF 825 W CONGRESS AVENUE**

The City of Nora Springs Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 45 N Hawkeye Avenue, Nora Springs, IA 50458, to consider a proposed zoning change for the property located at 825 W Congress Avenue.

The proposed rezoning would change the current designation of the parcel to Residential Multi-Family (R-MF).

This designation allows for the development of multi-family residential housing such as duplexes or apartments, subject to local zoning ordinances.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and provide input. Written comments may also be submitted to City Hall prior to the hearing.

For more information, contact:  
Chelsey Wood, City Clerk  
nscityhall@myomnitel.com  
641-749-5315  
Dated this 25th day of July, 2025.

### Nora Springs Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Discussion on Proposed**  
**Sewer Rate Increase**  
The City Council of Nora Springs will be holding a public discussion regarding proposed changes to the sewer usage rates at the upcoming council meeting.

Date: August 12th, 2025  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Nora Springs City Hall  
45 N. Hawkeye Ave  
Nora Springs, IA 50458

This discussion will include a review of financial requirements under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program, analysis from city staff and advisors, and consideration of a proposed 25% increase in sewer usage rates effective July 1, 2025, followed by biennial 2% increases beginning in 2027.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and provide feedback.

### City of Rockford Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE**

The City of Rockford will be holding a Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan. These documents include design and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the City's wastewater treatment facility.

The project includes the removal of accumulated sludge in the existing treatment cells and the construction of two new secondary lagoon cells to convert the two-cell system to a four-cell system. This will add additional hydraulic capacity and increase biological treatment. Construction of a new outfall pipe south of the existing outfall location is included with this project.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform area residents of the Rockford community of this proposed action, discuss the actual cost and user fees associated

with this project, and to address citizen's concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:  
September 9th, 2025 at 7:30 P.M., Rockford City Hall, 206 W Main Ave., Rockford, Iowa 50468

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Written comments on this proposal may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the availability of documentation may be directed to the Project contact at 641-756-3718. Additionally, public comments can be sent to SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of FLOYD COUNTY				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
The Board of Supervisors of FLOYD COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026				
Meeting Date/Time: 8/12/2025 09:15 AM		Contact: Morrigan Montagne		Phone: (641) 257-6131
Meeting Location: Floyd County Courthouse Board Room (G107) 101 S Main St, Charles City, Iowa 50616				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals">https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals</a> .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	8,902,662	0	8,902,662
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	338,564	0	338,564
Net Current Property Tax	4	8,564,098	0	8,564,098
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	0
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	21,250	0	21,250
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,847,150	0	1,847,150
Intergovernmental	8	6,707,862	0	6,707,862
Licenses & Permits	9	49,300	0	49,300
Charges for Service	10	581,825	0	581,825
Use of Money & Property	11	852,700	30,000	882,700
Miscellaneous	12	412,600	0	412,600
Subtotal Revenue	13	19,036,785	30,000	19,066,785
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	1,819,373	0	1,819,373
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	20,856,158	30,000	20,886,158
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,460,336	0	4,460,336
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,504,725	0	1,504,725
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	985,442	0	985,442
Roads & Transportation	22	7,641,350	0	7,641,350
Government Services to Residents	23	890,593	0	890,593
Administration	24	2,052,723	0	2,052,723
Nonprogram Current	25	0	0	0
Debt Service	26	2,312,900	0	2,312,900
Capital Projects	27	1,265,000	720,000	1,985,000
Subtotal Expenditures	28	21,113,069	720,000	21,833,069
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	1,819,373	0	1,819,373
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	22,932,442	720,000	23,652,442
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,076,284	-690,000	-2,766,284
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025	33	11,381,217	0	11,381,217
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	6,655,022	0	6,655,022
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	313,783	0	313,783
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,336,128	-690,000	1,646,128
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2026	40	9,304,933	-690,000	8,614,933
Explanation of Changes: SPEND DOWN COMMUNITCATION BOND PROCEEDS AND INTEREST REVENUE				