

Leach hears water concerns

U.S. Congressman Jim Leach set up his area meetings some time ago, but it's a sure bet he knew what the main topic of discussion would be—water, water, water.

The largest delegation came from the Reggie Meyers plat in Northeast Louisa County—a private platting of home lots.

They asked for pumps and some help on a small levee which would allow them to control the water without additional water coming in.

It was noted that they are a private platting—and this not eligible for aid as is a city or county.

Others from over the county

expressed the need for ditches, dams, levees—anything to help keep the water from their homes, businesses and farms.

After the meeting, held Monday at the Briggs Civic Center in Wapello, Leach took a quick tour of the community, inundated with over 30 inches of rain in the past 2 1/2 months.