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REAP holds meeting

The Louisa County Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Committee held an organizational meeting at the Louisa County Heritage Center Tuesday, November 21.

The \$30 million, 10-year REAP program was established this year by the Iowa Legislature to provide a new funding source for conservation and environmental programs. As part of the legislation, each county was authorized to establish a county committee to assist in coordinating local projects and programs developed under the REAP plan.

Each county committee is composed of representatives from the county school districts, cities, county board of supervisors, county soil and water conservation district, county conservation board and recognized farm and conservation organizations with a local chapter established in that county.

Representatives from the L-M and Wapello School Boards; Oakville, Wapello and Columbus Junction City Councils; Louisa County Board of Supervisors; Louisa County Soil and Water Conservation District; Louisa County Conservation Board; and Ducks Unlimited attended the meeting.

Steve Nielsen, Columbus Junction City Council, was elected chairman of the committee, and Gary Rees, Louisa County Farm Bureau, was elected vice-chairman.

The committee will meet again Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Louisa County Heritage Center in Wapello to develop plans for coordinating and reviewing potential projects. The public is invited to attend and participate.

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