

Iowa Flood Mitigation Board – Virtual Meeting

Thursday Feb 24, 2022 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CST)

John Benson, Chair

Dr. Amy Kaleita, Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

1) Welcome and Introductions

Members present: Chair Benson, Vice Chair Kaleita, Austin, Hansen, Hall, Rosonke, Freet, Herring and Erixon.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Herring, second by Kaleita. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3) Approval of the Minutes of 11/15/2021

Motion to approve by Freet, second by Hall. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4) Update of Flood Recovery Fund Projects (HSEMD)

Status update provided by Carol Tomb of HSEMD

5) Update of Unmet Needs (HSEMD)

Review of unmet needs was provided by Jonathon (Dusty) Pogones of HSEMD. Mr. Pogones is the new Mitigation Bureau Chief.

6) Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund – FY 2021 – 2022. (HSEMD)

Chair Benson explained the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund to include the amounts and intent of the fund. He also explained the thought process used to develop the recommendations being brought before the board this morning. Chair Benson explained that while these are departmental funds and do not require board approval, he seeks the counsel of the Flood Mitigation Board as knowledgeable and trusted advisors on flood mitigation matters.

Terry Brown of HSEMD provided information on changes to the Coulthard Levee project (FRF #15) explaining the intent is now to relocate the levee outside of the DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge due to obstacles put in place by the National Fish and Wildlife Service. He also explained the need to cover a funding shortfall for the Platteville Drainage District (FRF #26).

Chair Benson and Member Erixon provided additional information regarding the situation with the Coulthard Levee District.

Motion to support HSEMD expending funds on these projects by Herring, second by Erixon. Discussion and roll call vote. Motion was passed 8-0-1 with Chair Benson abstaining due to his involvement in preparing the recommendation.

Motion to approve \$38,967 expenditure from the License Plate Fund by Freet, second by Austin. Discussion and roll call vote. Motion passed 9-0.

7) Public Comment

8) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Erixon, second by Hall. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.