

Iowa Flood Mitigation Board – In Person/Virtual Meeting

Friday August 25, 2023 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM (CST)

John Benson, Chair

TBD, Vice Chair

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1) Welcome and Introductions

Voting Members present: Chair Benson, Trimble, Hansen, Rosonke, Freet, Stoller and Assman.

Exficio Members present: Wofle, Scheetz, Giddens and Shipley.

HSEMD Staff present: Harper, Pogones, Newhall, Brown, Tomb and Novak

Public present: City of Pacific Junction City Clerk Neppl.

2) Approval of the Agenda

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

3) Approval of the Minutes of 7/26/2023 meeting

Motion to approve by Hansen, second by Rosonke. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4) Vice Chair Recommendation

Chair Benson explained that had been an administrative mix up and Doug Reed who was selected as the Vice Chair during the last meeting had not been appointed to the board. Paul Assman, who is here today, is the Governor's appointee and one of four official board member representing the public.

Hansen asked for clarification of the duties of the Vice Chair. Benson explained that it was simply to run the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

Motion to recommend Jon Erixson by Hansen. Public Member Freet expressed willingness to be the Vice Chair. Hansen withdrew his nomination of Erixson and moved that Freet be the Vice Chair. Seconded by Rosonke. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

5) Updated of Flood Recovery Fund Projects and Needs & Allocations

A. Underruns

B. Overruns

Jonathan Pogones provided the board with an updated status of all awarded Flood Recovery Fund projects. This update included a summary of funding available to the Board for potential obligation of new and existing projects.

6) Additional Funding Discussion and Possible Board Action (HSEMD)

A. City of Pacific Junction

Discussion Summary

- There was discussion regarding the City of Pacific Junction's location within the flood plain. Current FIRM maps place the city in the 500-year flood plain but outside of the 100 year flood plain.
- Based in this information, Member Hansen withdrew his previous objections to supporting this project.
- Extensive discussion ensued regarding the four options presented and which properties were included in each option. The discussion included why FEMA withdrew their financial approval for the grinder pumps as well as the status of the grinder pumps at the time of the flood.
- Discussion also revolved around the city's efforts to redevelop non-deed restricted properties purchased by the city with Flood Recovery Funds.
- Following the discussion, Member Hansen moved that the Board approve options 1 & 4 as requested by Pacific Junction. The motion was seconded by Member Assman and a roll call vote was taken resulting in unanimous approval by the Board.
- Following the vote, discussion ensued regarding supporting documentation requested by the Board to be provided by the City of Pacific Junction regarding the properties associated with options 2 & 3 for further consideration at a future meeting.

7) Next Meeting – No date was established for the next meeting

8) Public Comment - None

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hansen, second by Assman. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.