

Iowa Flood Mitigation Board – In Person/Virtual Meeting

Wednesday July 26, 2023 1:00 PM – 2:40 PM (CST)

John Benson, Chair

TBD, Vice Chair

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1) Welcome and Introductions

Voting Members present: Chair Benson, Trimble, Hansen, Hall, Rosonke, Erixson, Stoller and Reed.

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

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

Public present: City of Pacific Junction City Clerk Neppl, Belt, Eggleston, Hogan, Vought and Wulfekuhle.

2) Approval of the Agenda

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

3) Approval of the Minutes of 2/24/2022

Motion to approve by Rosonke, second by Hall. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Trimble abstained.

4) Flood Mitigation Board History (HSEMD)

Dennis Harper, HSEMD Recovery Administrator, provided a brief history of the Flood Mitigation Board

5) Vice Chair Recommendation

Motion to recommend Doug Reed by Erixson, second by Hall. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

6) Office of Levee Safety Discussion (HSEMD)

Mark Newhall, DGA Bureau Chief, provided a brief summary of: Office of Levee Safety, key stakeholders and efforts to date.

7) Request for Sales Tax Increment Financing (STIF) Time Extension (HSEMD)

A. City of Burlington – 12/31/2028 - Carol Tomb provided an update.

8) Notification of Sales Tax Increment Financing (STIF) Project Closeouts (HSEMD)

A. City of Iowa City – Carol Tomb provided an update

B. City of Cedar Falls – Carol Tomb provided an update

- 9) Request for Flood Recovery Fund (FRF) Project Time Extensions (HSEMD)
 - A. City of Hornick (Project #4) – 12/31/2023 – Carol Tomb provided an update
 - B. City of Hamburg (Project #5) – 6/30/2024 – Terry Brown provided an update
 - C. Scott County EMA (Project #13) – 12/31/2023 – Carol Tomb provided an update
 - D. City of Hamburg (Project #14) – 12/31/2023 – Terry Brown provided an update

10) Notification of Flood Recovery Fund (FRF) Project Closeout (HSEMD)

- A. Fremont County (Project #11) – Terry Brown provided an update

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

- A. Underruns
- B. Overruns

Dennis Harper provided an explanation the project spreadsheet included in the Board Packet. Unused funds from projects that were completed under budget are available to the Board to redistribute as they see fit. Cost overruns do not automatically mean that the project will receive additional funding. The Board must vote to provide additional funding to these projects.

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

- A. City of Pacific Junction

Discussion Summary

- 1) Terry Brown provided a summary of previous Board action related to projects in Pacific Junction. Brown explained that the recent funding shortfall is a result of FEMA de-obligating a Public Assistance project related to the city's sewer system.
- 2) Member Hansen asked why the project was de-obligated. Brown explained a key component of the sewer system are grinder pumps. The city's position has always been that the grinder pumps are part of the city's sewer system and FEMA agreed when the project was approved. A new review by FEMA came to the conclusion that the grinder pumps are the responsibility of the home owner and not the city.
- 3) Member Reed asked about the number of lots this applied to and where the city is in their redevelopment efforts. Clerk Neppel explained there are 95 lots impacted by the project including the 32 lots purchased using FRF funds. She explained the city is working with several developer to build single family, duplex and triplex homes.
- 4) Member Hansen asked that HSEMD staff provide the board with a copy of the flood plain map, that HSEMD staff develop different options for the board to consider, and that this issue be tabled to the next meeting.
- 5) Motion to table by Erixon, second by Rosonke. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

13) Next Meeting – Chair Benson recommended the Board reconvene in approximately 3 week. Staff will survey the Board to identify the specific date and time.

14) Public Comment - None

15) Adjournment

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