

Official Minutes
Iowa Flood Mitigation Board
Monday, June 22, 2015
Conference Call

In attendance:

Board Members:

Mark Schouten, Amy Kaleita, Lori Glover, John Torbert, Ronald Herrig, Lori McDaniel for Chuck Gipp, Adam Phillip for Michael Fitzgerald, Jim Gillespie for Bill Northey
Ex-officio: Robert Hogg*, Thomas Shipley*.

Excused Absences: Carolann Jensen for Dave Jamison, Jared Klein*, Patti Ruff*

(* = nonvoting)

▪ **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Iowa Flood Mitigation Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Chair Mark Schouten. A quorum of voting Board members was present.

▪ **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ron Herrig moved for approval of the June 22, 2015, Agenda; John Torbert seconded. The motion carried.

▪ **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2015**

John Torbert moved for approval of the April 13, 2015, Minutes; Ron Herrig seconded. The motion carried.

▪ **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY JOHN BENSON**

John Benson provided the board an update of the legislative session relevant to the Flood Mitigation Program.

- The Governor signed HF655 today which dealt with cell tower funding and what was referred to as the “Des Moines fix.” In Division II, Sect. 11 thru 25, allows the Wastewater Reclamation Association (WRA) to be an eligible applicant. The Division is effective upon enactment.
- SF510 Budget Bill – Section 17, Dubuque’s issue with additional federal funding. This will not affect their eligibility for tax increment as approved by the board.
- HF 616 – This bill fixed the language in the original Flood Mitigation Program legislation that limited applicants to receive only 19 ½ years. The bill corrects the timeframe for eligible reimbursement to the full twenty years as intended. This bill is pending signature.

- REVIEW OF THE 2015 PROJECT REPORTS

Carol Tomb reviewed the six month progress reports, “obligations report.” The reports summarize progress from the award date to the point of the report.

Cedar Rapids is 26% complete

Waverly is 50% complete

Dubuque is 35% complete

Cedar Falls is 50% complete

Iowa City is 80% complete

Council Bluffs is 17% complete

Coralville is 60% complete

Burlington is 23% complete

Storm Lake 28% complete

- PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STORM LAKE FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Carol Tomb spoke to the amendment request submitted by Storm Lake for board consideration. There is no increase to the total amount of the tax increment. The change is to the schedule and allocation amount throughout the entire life of the project. The change does not affect the \$30M annual ceiling. The \$61k prepayment Storm Lake received will be taken out of 2015.

Lorie Glover made the motion: The Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the amendment to the agreement with the city of Storm Lake filed with the Board on the seventeenth day of June, 2015. I further move that annual sales tax increment amounts shall be limited to the lesser of the state fiscal year annual projection submitted as a revised Exhibit B for the City of Storm Lake or the actual annual eligible tax increment as determined by the Iowa Department of Revenue. **The motion was seconded by John Torbert. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

- REVIEW OF CITY OF DES MOINES & WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (WRF) APPLICATION

Mark Schouten reviewed the board action in May 28, 2014, to the application. Carol Tomb presented the changes to the application since last heard by the board.

In 2008, homes were inundated with floodwater from a breach in the Birdland Levee. Any flooding in DSM has an impact on the WRA ability to deliver clean water. The DSM-WRA represent 17 communities. The project builds on an improvement plan since 1993. The proposed flood protection plan consists of four phases. Phase 3 & 4 are designed to deliver a more cost efficient and higher level of flood protection to both the city of Des Moines and downstream communities.

Scott Sanders, Des Moines City Manager, told the board that funding will come in later years and will allow the increment to be leveraged in early years by other communities.

Lorie Glover made the motion: The Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the application and the attached project plan for the city of Des Moines and the Water Reclamation Authority as filed with the Board on the nineteenth day of June 2015. I further move that the Board approve the use of sales tax increment revenue to support the project plan in a

total amount not to exceed \$111,100,273. I further move that annual sales tax increment amounts shall be limited to the lesser of the state fiscal year annual projection submitted as a part of the approved application and project plan for the city of Des Moines and the WRA or the actual annual eligible tax increment as determined by the Iowa Department of Revenue. **The motion was seconded by Ron Torbert. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

- PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

- ADJOURNMENT

Jim Gillespie made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ron Herrig. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 r 0 .

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