

Official Minutes
Iowa Flood Mitigation Board
2–4 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2016
State Capitol, Room 19, Des Moines

In attendance:

Board Members:

In person: Mark Schouten, Amy Kaleita, Lori McDaniel for Chuck Gipp, Ronald Herrig, Carolann Jensen, Adam Phillips for Michael Fitzgerald.

By phone: Lorraine Glover, John Torbert,

Ex-officio: Robert Hogg*, David Sieck* and, Courtney Kay-Decker*.

Excused Absences: Bill Northey, Thomas Shipley*, Patti Ruff*

(* = nonvoting)

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Iowa Flood Mitigation Board meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Mark Schouten. A quorum of voting board members was present.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron Herrig moved for approval of the Agenda; Lorraine Glover seconded. The motion carried.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2015

Ron Herrig made the motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2015; seconded by Carolann Jensen. The motion carried.

4) QUARTERLY REPORT AND PROJECT PLAN UPDATES

Representatives from each municipality briefed the board on the progress of their projects.

- A. Dubuque (Boundary and budget modification) – Deron Muehring and Terri Goodman
The board will receive invitations for a walking tour of the Dubuque Bee Branch project on July 11. The scope of Phase 8 has changed to extend the water conveyance system by 3,600 feet to realize the full benefit of the system. Three additional scope changes will add \$20 million to the project budget however, the changes do not affect the funding agreement with the board and will not require formal board approval. Dubuque is partnering with the State on the HUD Resiliency Grant. Board member Jensen requested the full project budget be sent to the board for an overall funding picture.
- B. Cedar Rapids (Bridge replacement and elevation) – Rob Davis
The city will be rebuilding and elevating the Eighth Street Bridge by nine feet. This will open an artery into the city and allow for better flood management. Construction will begin in 2021.
- C. Iowa City – Steven Rackis
Mercury was discovered during the bidding process. Remediation of the site has added \$2.4 million to the project cost. The city is asking for an extension of the project due to the delay.

D. Coralville – Ellen Habel

The first phase, the raising of Fifth Street, has been completed. The second phase of the project is on schedule. The city is requesting board approval to amend the city's agreement with the board to reflect the actual amount of sales tax revenues received in 2014 and 2015 and to add \$1,825,674 in increment for the FMP projects to the year 2034. The city has made arrangements with the city of Des Moines/WRA allowing them to take more increment up front and for Coralville to take less but spread it out. This change would not affect the \$30 million annual increment cap.

The city is also with the State on the HUD Resiliency Grant. Board member Jensen requested information for an overall funding picture and how the projects work together.

E. Storm Lake – Jim Patrick

Board members are invited to Storm Lake for a field day on July 14, at 10:30 AM. The storm water projects have shown to have a remarkable effect in reducing flooding in both industrial and housing areas. The City is asking for an extension of the two projects due to weather and contractor delays. The City is also using the HUD Resiliency money to enhance the North Central Project. The City has not encountered any problems with reaching the growth estimate and tax increment.

F. Waverly – Mike Cherry

The project is on schedule to be completed on time. The City received six inches of rain in two days this month, had the project not been as far along as it is, the City would have experienced flooding. The city is not having any difficulty reaching the tax increment.

G. Cedar Falls – Stephanie Houk Sheetz and Matt Hosford

The project is a little behind but no change in the completion date is being requested at this time.

H. Council Bluffs – Matt Cox

The City is making good progress on the federal levee improvement project – one out of 10 projects. At this time the project is on schedule.

I. Burlington – Charlie Nichols

The project is on schedule. The downtown flood walls are going through the public input phase and will go into construction at this time next year. Mr. Nichols assured the board that the City is working with the Corps of Engineers to make sure the project does not negatively impact neighboring communities.

J. Des Moines & WRA – Steve Nabor

The river walk bridge will begin construction later this summer. The environmental impact report for the levee assessment should be completed by this September. This is a long-term project that will slowly realize protection as each phase is completed.

5) AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF IOWA § 418.12 (5) PURSUANT TO HF 2459 – John Benson

Division 6 of the Standings bill was added to Code of Iowa chapter 418.12 (5) to allow cities to extend the life of the increment beyond the initial 20 year period. The Iowa Administrative Rules do not reference the 20-year requirement therefore, no revision is necessary.

There are four criteria the city will need to meet: the remittances in the initial 20 years are less than the amount in the approved agreement; the increment does not exceed \$15 million or 70 percent of the applicant's yearly sales tax increment; the program increment would not exceed \$30 million in a given year; and, the extension would not add additional funds to the original amount of the agreement.

6) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

A. Des Moines & WRA- Sales Tax Increment Adjustment – Calvin Miller

Coralville was over ambitious in the TIF estimate with collection ending in 2017. Through discussions with the City of Des Moines/WRA, the two applicants have agreed to adjust the amount of tax increment each receives thru 2020. The City of Des Moines/WRA has agreed to increase the amount of tax increment taken during that period while Coralville will reduce the amount of increment and extend the time.

Ron Herrig made the motion: I move that the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority's amendment request filed with the board on June 20, 2016. I further move that the Board amend the existing agreement between the board and the city to reflect the approved revised schedule set forth in Exhibit B, amendment one. **Seconded by: Carolann Jensen. The motion was approved unanimously.** *(See the motion to reconsider the vote under item 6.B.)*

B. Coralville- Sales Tax Increment Adjustments – Ellen Habel

1. The city of Coralville is requesting a change in their increment request and an extension per HF 2459 to 2034. Board member Decker recognized the board does not have statutory authority to amend the agreement with Coralville until July 1. The board will hold a call on July 1, to vote on the Des Moines/WRA and the Coralville requests. If the amendment is passed at that time, the tax increment adjustment will be retroactive to FY 2016.

Due to the delay in board action on the city of Coralville's request to amend the agreement, the board determined the motion to approve the Des Moines/WRA request should be also be considered at the same time so that the funding schedule remains in balance.

Carolann Jensen made the motion: The board will reconsider the vote to approve the City of Des Moines/WRA request. **Seconded by Lori McDaniel. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Chair Schouten called the vote on board member Herrig's motion to approve DSM/WRA request; the motion received no votes in favor.

C. Storm Lake - Time Extension – Jim Patrick

Carolann Jensen made the motion: I move that the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the City of Storm Lake's amendment request filed with the board on June 20, 2016. I further move that the board amend the existing agreement between the board and the city to reflect the approved the revised project completion date to Dec. 1, 2016. **Seconded by Ron Herrig. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Iowa City- Time Extension – Steven Rackis

Carolann Jensen made the motion: I move that the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the City of Iowa City's amendment request filed with the board on June 20, 2016. I further move that the board amend the existing agreement between the board and the city to reflect the approved the revised project completion date to Jan. 31, 2018. **Seconded by Ron Herrig. The motion passed unanimously.**

7) PUBLIC COMMENT

Coralville would like to thank the board for consideration of their item.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Carolann Jensen made a motion to adjourn seconded by Lori McDaniel. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.