

Official Minutes
Iowa Flood Mitigation Board
10:30–11:30 a.m., June 28, 2017

Conference Call

In attendance:

Board Members:

By Phone: Mark Schouten, Amy Kaleita, Lorraine Glover, Ronald Herrig, Carolann Jensen, and Adam Phillips for Michael Fitzgerald.

Ex-officio: Sen. Robert Hogg*, Adam Hummes for Courtney Kay-Decker*.

Excused Absences: John Torbert, Lori McDaniel for Chuck Gipp, Jim Gillespie, Rep. Thomas Shipley*, Rep. David Sieck*, and Sen. Rozenboom*.

(* = nonvoting)

1) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Iowa Flood Mitigation Board meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Mark Schouten. A quorum of voting Board members was present.

2) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 1, 2016

Carolann Jensen made the motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2016; seconded by Ron Herrig. The motion carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The chair reviewed the city of Cedar Falls' requests to amend their agreement with the board to adjust the schedule of remittance by exchanging increment with the city of Dubuque and to extend the agreement to the year 2034. The exchange of remittance with the city of Dubuque in 2017 and 2019 is due to a shortfall in remittance generated in 2017. The request to move the remittance amount to 2034 from 2014 and 2015 is due to a delay in receipt for the first two years of the program.

The City of Cedar Falls and the City of Dubuque have agreed to adjust the allocation of amounts of sales tax increment in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2019 by \$700,000. In Year 2017, the City of Cedar Falls will adjust their original sales tax increment revenues from \$2,427,065 to \$1,727,065 and in Year 2019 from zero to \$700,000. The City of Dubuque in Year 2017 will adjust their original sales tax increment revenues from \$4,316,027 to \$5,016,027 and in Year 2019 from \$4,392,361 to \$3,692,361.

This amendment is contingent upon the City of Dubuque generating an additional \$700,000 in sales tax increment in Year 2017. If the additional amount generated by the City of

Dubuque is less than \$700,000 in Year 2017, the difference between the additional amount generated and \$700,000 shall be added to the amount generated by the City of Dubuque in Year 2019. In that case, the City of Cedar Falls' remittance for Year 2019 shall be reduced by the same amount.

If the City of Cedar Falls' remittance for Year 2019 is less than \$700,000, the difference shall be added to the amount of the remittance for Year 2034. In addition, due to remittance shortfalls in Years 2014 and 2015 for the City Cedar Falls, the allocated sales tax increment in Year 2014 shall be adjusted from \$580,134 to zero, in Year 2015 from \$1,177,673 to \$995,585.86, in Year 2016 from \$1,793,137 to \$1,793,137.01, and in Year 2034 from zero to \$762,221.13.

Discussion: Jennifer from the City of Cedar Falls, the reasoning for the extension beyond the project completion is due to the first available funds. The city of Cedar Falls is considering bonding for the shortfall but that is pending a project with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ron Herrig made the motion: I move that the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board approve the City of Cedar Falls' amended schedule of remittance filed with the Board on June 28, 2017.

Mark Schouten: There is a motion before the Board to amend the existing agreements between the Board and the City of Cedar Falls to approve an exchange of sales tax increment funding for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2019, also reallocating remittances from 2014 and 2015, to 2034, as submitted in the revised Exhibit B. This is done with the stipulation, as in the original agreement, that annual sales tax increment remittances shall be limited to the actual annual eligible tax increment as determined.

Upon receipt of those signed amendments the board authorizes the chair to sign the agreements as amended. **Seconded by Amy Kaleita. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Updates: Carol Tomb informed the Board that progress reports have been posted to the website (http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/about_HSEMD/flood_mitigation_board.html) and will be sent to the board. The board will also be receiving progress reports on HUD Resilience Grant projects. There is a dovetail of those projects with the Flood Mitigation Program projects. The board will meet in January to review the progress reports.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

Senator Hogg thanked Chair and the board for their continued support. If there are legislative changes needed, please make the ex-officio members aware of those changes. There were many success stories we saw last year in Cedar Rapids. Also, to bring to the board's attention, there is an opening ceremony in Dubuque for the Bee Branch Project.

Chair Schouten commented on the new effort by HSEMD and the Iowa Flood Center, on loss avoidance. Currently, we estimate \$144 million avoided loss in 2016 floods from previous mitigation efforts.

Terry Goodman thanked the board for their transparency and assistance the staff has provided.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Ron Herrig made a motion to adjourn seconded by Adam Phillips. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.