

## **Iowa Flood Mitigation Board Meeting Minutes**

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Monday, September 16, 2019  
Iowa State Capitol, Room 103

**Conference Line:** 1-800-645-8878 **Code:** 003248

Joyce Flinn, Chair  
Dr. Amy Kaleita, Vice Chair

### AGENDA

#### 1) Welcome and Introductions

Members present: Joyce Flinn, Dr. Amy Kaleita (phone), Karen Austin, Jake Hansen, Lori McDaniel, Lori Beary, Lorraine Glover, Ron Herrig, John Torbert. Ex-officio members Rep. McConkey, Rep. Sieck, Jon Wolfe

#### 2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Herrig, second by Hansen, approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3) Approval of the Minutes of May 20, 2019

Motion to approve by McDaniel, second by Herrig, approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4) Update on Administrative Rules Approved by the Board

Update from John Benson (HSEMD). Rules were filed as passed by the Board. The Administrative Rule Review Committee did review the rule filing and had no comment. Information provided to the Board on possible action they can undertake when reviewing Flood Recovery Fund applications. (Approve, defer, deny)

#### 5) Proposed Amendment to the Flood Mitigation Program Agreement A. Dubuque Amendment #3

Detail on proposed amendment provided by Carol Tomb (HSEMD). Additional context provide by Deron Muehring and Teri Goodmann with the City of Dubuque.

Motion to approve by Glover, second by Hansen, approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### 6) Review of Flood Recovery Fund Applications

A. Davenport – Review of application by Carol Tomb (HSEMD). Clay Merritt represented the city. McDaniel asked about extent of damage to stadium during the recent flood event. McConkey asked of immediacy of concern. Hansen asked about timeline project engineering.

B. Fredonia – Review of application by Carol Tomb (HSEMD). Larry Roehl, Louisa Engineer represented Fredonia. Question from Kaleita on IIHR Study and flow studies. McDaniel asked on

relationship with the railroad that borders the proposed project. Sieck asked about project design as it relates to the railroad. Torbert asked for a history of the project.

C. Hamburg – Buyout – Review of application by Dusty Pogones (HSEMD). Mayor Crain, Alan Dovel and Sheryl Owen represented the city. Hansen asked about impacts of limited funding for buy outs, specifically HUD CDBG. McDaniel asked on duration of recent flood and number of historical floods.

D. Hamburg – Levee – Review of application by Dusty Pogones (HSEMD). Mayor Crain, Alan Dovel and Sheryl Owen represented the city. Mayor Crain stated she felt the ACOE cost estimate is high. Paul Trombino (IGOV) provided further detail on levee project. Herrig inquired about the population of Hamburg. Glover asked about use of property to support flood remediation. Sieck provided further context. Kaleita asked about location of new housing in relation to flood impacted areas. Hansen asked about levee construction details and cost proposal as provided by the ACOE.

E. Hornick – Review of application by Carol Tomb (HSEMD). Mayor Scott Mitchell represented the city. McDaniel asked about interior drainage within the city. McDaniel asked about size of stream within city. Sieck asked about location of berm in relation to water flow and drainage. Flinn asked about interior flash flooding.

F. Mills County – Review of application by Terry Brown (HSEMD). Mills EMA Larry Hurst represented the county. Hansen asked what percentage of houses are being acquired in the application area. Hansen asked about timeline for residents participating in the buyout.

G. Muscatine – Review of application by Dusty Pogones (HSEMD). City Engineer Eric Furnas represented the city. McDaniel asked how the structure was impacted by flooding or is it unstable soils.

H. Pacific Junction – Review of application provided by Terry Brown (HSEMD). Mayor Andy Young and clerk Korrena Neppel represented the city. Austin asked about status of town after buy out is put in place. McDaniel asked about timing of buyout process. Sieck asked about status of mortgage on a house and how it impacts the buyout. Herrig asked about population, number of homes, and number of homes in the proposed buyout. Sandi Winton asked about making formal notification to mortgage holder of pending buy out. Herrig asked about status of homes not include in the buyout.

I. Vanman Levee District - Review of application provided by Terry Brown (HSEMD). Doug Reed represented the District. Flinn asked about cost related to maintenance and repair cost items. Sieck asked about moving of levee and impacts it would cause. McDaniel asked about funding of levee districts. Torbert provided information on funding process. Herrig asked about what the levee protects. McConkey asked about economic impact of flooding. Trombino asked about purchase of land to relocate levee.

## 7) Board Action on Flood Recovery Fund Applications

Torbert asked to make sure projects were within the authority of the Flood Recovery Fund program. Chair Flinn asked that members vote approve, deny, defer, or abstain. This vote will not approve funding amounts. Kaleita will abstain due to difficulties associated with being on the call.

Davenport – 2 approve / 2 deny / 4 defer / 1 abstain. Project is deferred.

Fredonia – 8 approve / 0 deny / 0 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved.

Hamburg – Buyout – 8 approve / 0 deny / 0 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved.

Hamburg – Levee – 6 approve / 0 deny / 2 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved

Hornick – 5 approve / 0 deny / 3 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved

Mills County – 8 approve / 0 deny / 0 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved.

Muscatine – 3 approve / 1 deny / 4 defer / 1 abstain. Project is deferred.

Pacific Junction – 6 approve / 0 deny / 2 defer / 1 abstain. Project is approved  
Vanman Levee – 2 approve / 0 deny / 5 defer / 1 abstain. Project is deferred.

Discussion on funding amounts for each approved application. Only decrease in funding was for Hamburg Levee project. Requested amount was \$12,319,000 with the proposed approved amount of \$6,356,000.

Fredonia – \$135,500.00. Motion to approve by McDaniel, second by Austin, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

Hamburg – Buyout – \$940,856.55. Motion to approve by Torbert, second by McDaniel, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

Hamburg – Levee – \$6,356,324.20. Motion to approve by McDaniel, second by Hansen, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

Hornick – \$2,071,708.00. Motion to approve by Austin, second by Beary, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

Mills County – \$2,341,923.00. Motion to approve by Glover, second by Hansen, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

Pacific Junction – \$3,153,638.25. Motion to approve by Hansen, second by Beary, unanimous roll call vote with Kaleita abstaining.

8) Public Comment – None provided

9) Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Torbert, second by Herrig, approved by unanimous voice vote.