

**GRANT WOOD MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGION (GWMRR) MEETING
SECRETARIAL NOTES**

DATE Monday, January 22, 2024
TIME 8:30 a.m.
PLACE Zoom/Phone/7600 Commerce Park, Dubuque, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jackson County

- Josh Boldt, City of Maquoketa
- Nathan Jones, Jackson County
- Teresa Weinschenk, City of Preston
- Vacant

Jones County

- Shelly Carr, City of Anamosa
- Brad Mormann, Jones County
- Jacob Oswald, City of Monticello
- Brad Hatcher, Stone City

Dubuque County

- Kelly Ludwig, City of Peosta
- Marie Ware, City of Dubuque
- Jacque Rahe, City of Dyersville
- Brian Preston, Dubuque County Conservation

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR):

Detra Dettmann

Alternates:

- Tom Basten
- Jason Dykstra
- Scott Dykstra
- Ryland Richards
- Jason Gilmore
- Elli Lineburg
- Logan Christofferson

EAST CENTRAL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL

ASSOCIATION (ECIA):

- Katie Steffensmeier, Community Outreach and Economic Development Coordinator
- Holly McPherson, Director of Human Resources
- Christine Efferding, Admin and Special Programs Assistant
- Steve Stoffel, Director of Finance

1. – Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ware at 8:32 a.m. Introductions by board members, guest and staff followed.

The members of the GWMRR are holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa, and due to the limited agenda for this meeting, relatively short period of time that this meeting is expected to be held, the expense of transporting the board members in person is impractical. The meeting is being held by phone or internet means originating from the ECIA offices in Dubuque. It is open to the public and those in attendance can hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

2. – Review and Approve Agenda

Motion by Rahe, second by Hatcher to approve the Grant Wood Mississippi River Region January 22, 2024 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. – Review and Approve Minutes of the July 24, 2023 GWMRR meeting

Motion by Mormann, second by Brown to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2023 GWMRR meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. – Review and Discuss GWMRR Vacancy in Dubuque County

Ware recommended Rahe move from Alternate to Member for Dubuque County. Motion by Lumsden, seconded by Hatcher. Motion passed unanimously.

5. – Review of Strategic Plan

Ware reviewed current committee members and encouraged others to join a committee. Chairs of the three committees will set up a time to meet, get that information to Steffensmeier, and Steffensmeier will distribute to the board. These meetings will take place in March or April, in order to prepare for the May 20, 2024 meeting.

6. – Update on PEI Meetings and Activities

Steffensmeier updated the board on the DRA grant work that is ongoing with Travel Dubuque and Jackson, Delaware, and Jones counties. Features of these counties were added to the Travel Dubuque publication of the Travel Guide. Additionally, regional marketing will continue via the Travel Dubuque website. There is another DRA Grant deadline upcoming in February, and PEI intends to submit for funds to continue this project.

7. – Subcommittee Reports

Ware reported about a SCORP website update including history about parks and recreation in parks and recreation in Iowa. There is a DNR Land and Water Conservation grant with a 50/50

match with an upcoming deadline. Discussion continued with the 2024 Prosperity Legislative Event. Attendance at the last event was better than expected, so a similar date will be kept.

8. – Other Business

The board had no other business to discuss.

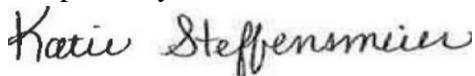
9. – Next Meeting

The next GWL meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024.

10. – Adjourn

Motion by Lumsden, second by Rahe to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Steffensmeier

Community Outreach and Economic Development Coordinator, ECIA