

Minutes of State Interagency Missouri River Authority  
Wallace Office Building Conference Room 5E  
Des Moines May 11, 2010

Members Present: Amy Christensen, Harold Hommes, John Fleig and Bernie Hoyer.  
Public Participants: Jane Clark.

The meeting began at 1:00 PM.

Hoyer attempted to allow public participation via telephone, but he lacked the appropriate user code. By the time Jessica Montana provided the code about 20 minutes later, there were no public participants via telephone. He apologized for the oversight.

- A. Approve Agenda:** The agenda was approved as drafted.
- B. Review/Approve SIMRA Minutes from May 4&5, 2010.** The draft minutes were approved with the correction of a name and Hoyer's promise to obtain one last name.
- C. The Osprey Group report to USACE: Involvement Situation Assessment Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, April 2010.** The group reviewed a draft by Hoyer. Hommes felt that it discussed Minnesota and Colorado too much. Christensen felt that those entities should be included. We agreed to send it as drafted following one grammatical improvement. (The letter to the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution regarding the recommendations of The Osprey Group for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study is appended to these minutes.)
- D. Letter from Senators Bond and McCaskill, Representative Skelton, May 5, 2010 requesting cessation of MRAPS funding:** Hoyer noted that MoRAST had commented on this action and that some states had sent comments to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. He suggested that perhaps we should reiterate that Iowa did not support the action originally and did not support the funding through MoRAST. Christensen suggested that we do not need to react to every political action. Hommes agreed and said that Missouri's action was entirely predictable, and in fact he would predict that they will propose this action annually. Fleig agreed; Hoyer expressed some relief because he felt that we cannot keep chasing after everything.
- E. Public Comment:** None.
- F. For the Good of the River:** Hoyer mentioned that from what he had read, it appeared that the second spring pulse on the Missouri River was not going to take place.
- G. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at about 1:40. The members then moved to Hommes' office to view a test website that DNR is establishing for SIMRA. The group was satisfied.