

State Interagency Missouri River Authority (SIMRA)

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Wallace Building, 4 East Conference Room

Member Attendees: Sharon Tahtinen, John Fleig, Amy Christensen, and Harold Hommes

Guests: Jarrod Sheets and Virginia Soelberg

Meeting Summary

- I. Introduction and Welcome
- II. Approve Agenda – unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Minutes - July 28, 2010 Meeting – unanimous approval with corrections below
 - a. Update the guest attendees to the meeting minutes - Jane Clark and Jeff Myrom
 - b. Spelling of Washatee Center inserted
- IV. Mike Wells power point will also be posted on the SIMRA website
- V. DOT and DNR will pay for the MORAST membership dues to hold one seat
- VI. Discussion of MRAPS Letter for Sept. 16 Call (Version #4) Revisions
 - a. Sharon & Harold plan to call David Pope on September 15th to request the following items be incorporated into the final version of the letter.
 - b. Page 1, second paragraph
 - i. Add “The majority of the states in the MoRAST have...” language at the beginning of the paragraph
 - ii. Add as footnote at the end of sentence “Iowa did not support the approval and implementation of the MRAPS; however since Congress approved the study and the Corps is moving forward, Iowa will actively participate.”
 - c. Page 2, second paragraph
 - i. Add “Iowa recommends the geographic scope of the study include the Missouri River’s relationship with and effects on the Mississippi River.”
 - d. Page 3, end of the first paragraph
 - i. Add a footnote “Iowa is uncertain that an Executive Council is needed. If an Executive Council is used, Iowa would consider supporting it if it represents diverse interests and is more inclusive than the current composition of the MoRAST.”
 - e. Page 2, fourth paragraph
 - i. Delete the last sentence “Furthermore, any results of MRAPS should not jeopardize the conditions granted by the O’Mahoney-Miliken Amendment in the 1944 Flood Control Act.”

- ii. Alternative if deletion is not an option, add a footnote “Iowa does not support the last sentence of page 2, paragraph four relating to the O’Mahoney-Miliken Amendment in the 1944 Flood Control Act.”
 - f. If the above four items are unable to be incorporated into the final version of the letter, Iowa may choose to send their own letter to the Corps.
- VII. Discussion of September 22-23 MORAST Meeting
 - a. Review of the agenda
- VIII. Discussion of October Meeting Details
 - a. Draft October meeting agenda, final September meeting agenda, draft September meeting minutes, and July final meeting minutes
 - b. October 7th in Hamburg, IA
 - c. Angie Bruce and Chris Larson of the DNR are developing the tours (8 a.m.-Noon) and formal meeting (1-3 p.m.).
- IX. Other
- X. Public Comments
 - a. No comments
- XI. Adjourn