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GOVERNOR'S FLOOD RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD — JUNE 19, 2019

Meeting. The Governor's Flood Recovery Advisory Board met June 19, 2019, in Des Moines. The Board was established with [Executive Order #4](#) on April 15, 2019, and is charged with supporting and overseeing a comprehensive flood recovery and rebuilding effort.

Working Groups. In addition to the Board, six working groups have been formed with the following individuals named to lead each group:

- Larry Winum, leading Finance.
- Rick Allely, leading Economic Development.
- Secretary Mike Naig, leading Agriculture.
- Beth Townsend, leading Workforce and Housing.
- Leo Ettleman, leading River Management and Infrastructure.
- Gerd Clabaugh, leading Public Health.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Extension Granted. Governor Reynolds provided an update on recently attended meetings and the approval of Iowa's request to reopen and extend the Presidential Disaster Declaration incident period. The incident period defines the period during which damage occurred and the affected location is eligible for federal assistance. The previous period of March 12 through May 16 has been extended to June 15.

Response Efforts. Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Director Joyce Flinn provided an update on response efforts including the provision of individual assistance and public assistance, the placement of temporary housing, mosquito control, and debris removal.

Buyout Options. Members discussed two different buyout options offered through federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) or FEMA. As there may be some flexibility for CDBG funding, input is being requested for the development of guidelines. The communities of Pacific Junction and Hamburg are preparing notices of intent to initiate the buyout process.

Federal Disaster Aid Bill. All working groups were represented and provided a summary of information that had been discussed in their individual meetings. Members discussed the recently signed [federal disaster aid bill](#) and the need to know how much of that funding will be for Iowa disaster relief.

Next Meeting. The next meeting has not been scheduled but will be held in mid to late July.

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