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GOVERNOR'S FLOOD RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD — ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP — JULY 2019

Meeting. The Economic Development Working Group of the Governor's Flood Recovery Advisory Board met on July 25, 2019, in Hamburg. The Economic Development Working Group is one of six working groups created by the Advisory Board and is being supported by the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Current Issues. Members of the working group discussed the following issues:

- Hamburg Mayor Cathy Crain provided an overview of the flood impact, including 73 homes and several businesses that are currently identified for demolition, with more expected.
- Adam Lounsbury, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service Executive Director, advised that volunteer crews are still working in Mills County assisting with cleanup efforts.
- Craig Markley, Director in the Systems Planning Bureau within the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), advised that the DOT is looking at multiple design changes, including elevating Highway 2, to prepare for future flooding.
- Larry Winum, Chairperson of the Finance Working Group, asked that the chairpersons of all working groups meet in Des Moines ahead of the next Governor's Flood Recovery Advisory Board meeting to discuss how the working groups can work together.
- Rick Peterson, Business Development Manager in the Iowa Economic Development Authority, provided an update on the recent survey that was distributed to businesses within the declared disaster area.

Additional Information. The following websites have additional information related to Iowa's flood and disaster recovery:

- [2019 Iowa Floods](#) has flood-related information, including flood recovery and road closures.
- The [Rebuild Iowa Office](#) website has archived information from the flood event in 2008.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Economic Development Working Group is tentatively scheduled for late August in conjunction with the Governor's Flood Recovery Advisory Board.

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