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Executive Council
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Subject: Damages at Various Wildlife Management Areas along Missouri River
Wildlife Unit due to Flooding on April 29, 2019
Department of Natural Resources
Claim Dated March 23, 2022
AOS Claim ID: 1793

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. A portion of the damages are being covered by FEMA, consisting of total repair costs of \$528,643.44, with FEMA approving grants for 75% of the total. The FEMA share totals \$396,482.58 and the State's share is \$132,160.86. The Department of Natural Resources is requesting an allocation for the State's share of \$132,160.86, in addition to \$25,000.00 of repair costs that are not eligible for FEMA, for a total of \$157,160.86.

It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$157,160.86, subject to audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
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