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December 4, 2023

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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved the Department of Natural Resources' request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$34,800.00, subject to audit of actual invoices. On April 26, 2023, a flood caused damages at various wildlife management areas in Scott County, Jackson County and Louisa County. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton

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Executive Secretary

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Monica Thelen, Wildlife Bureau, Department of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Federal Aid Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources
Joel Lunde, Department of Management

AOS Claim # 3497
TOS Job # _____

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November 14, 2023

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
L O C A L

Subject: Flood Damages to Various Wildlife Management Areas in Scott County,
Jackson County and Louisa County on April 26, 2023
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated August 7, 2023
AOS Claim ID: 3497

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. The Department requested an allocation of \$35,000.00; however, the support provided for the estimate totaled \$34,800.00. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$34,800.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. Allocation requests for Princeton Wildlife Management Area and Green Island Wildlife Management Area have not been received at this time; however, the Department is working with FEMA and allocations will be provided at a later time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest H. Ruben, Jr.".

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

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Monica Thelen, Wildlife Bureau, Department of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Budget & Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Joel Lunde, Department of Management



August 7, 2023

Victoria Newton
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Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building

Subject: Flooding Damage at Odessa Wildlife Management Areas, Louisa County

Victoria and Tammy:

On April 26, 2023 you were sent notification of major flooding on the Mississippi River that was impacting multiple Wildlife Management Areas along the river, including the Odessa Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Louisa county. The flooding caused damage to the main levee at Odessa. This levee had been repaired in the Fall of 2022 and the new flooding washed the erosion control fabric and seeding away, which will need to be replaced. We have learned that while there will potentially be a FEMA presidential disaster declared for the Mississippi River flooding, Louisa County did not reach the necessary threshold, so no FEMA Public Assistance will be available to make these repairs. Our Engineers have put together repair estimates for these damages, with a total project cost of \$35,000.00. Please find that estimate enclosed.

This information is being submitted to Executive Council as a request for a total allocation of \$35,000.00

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Monica Thelen

Monica Thelen, Executive Officer II
Wildlife Bureau

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS

Project Number:

Project Location: Odessa WMA

Project Description: Odessa Main Levee Repairs

Date: 7/14/2023

Author: M. Dufoe

		Project Costs			
Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2	Erosion Matting	8,400	SY	\$3.00	\$25,200.00
3	Seeding & Fertilization	2	Acres	\$3,800.00	\$7,600.00
				Total	\$34,800.00
				Engineer's Estimate	\$35,000.00

DNR Form 542-0700