

**Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund
Board of Directors**

Minutes

April 4, 2019

10:30 a.m.

1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Horton, Plymouth County – Vice Chair

Rhett Leonard (*Substitute for Creston Schubert*), Ida County

Scott Brekke, Great Southern Bank

Tammy Bramley, Monona County (*Conf Call*)

Holly Williams (*Substitute for Bill Anderson*), Cherokee County Area Economic Development (*Conf Call*)

Robert Meyer, Iowa-Nebraska State Bank

Clint Weaver, Economic Development – Onawa (*Conf Call*)

SIMPCO STAFF:

Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director, SIMPCO

Amanda Harper, Housing Specialist, SIMPCO

Emily Coppock, Administrative Assistant, SIMPCO

The WICIRHTF Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 11:15 a.m., SIMPCO, 1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Gary Horton.

1. **Approval of the Agenda** – Vice Chair Gary Horton asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the April 4, 2019, agenda as presented.

Scott Brekke moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Rhett Leonard. Motion carried all ayes.

2. **Approval of the Minutes** – Vice Chair Gary Horton asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to the February 7, 2019, minutes as presented.

Tammy Bramley moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Robert Meyer. Motion carried all ayes.

3. **Flow of Assistance: Federal, State, Local** – Amanda Harper reported on the sequence of delivery for disaster assistance. Amanda noted the WICIRHTF would be the last in chain of commands with voluntary agencies and insurance being the first point of contact.

- a. **Individual Assistance** – Amanda Harper reported on the timeline of individual assistance programs out there for individuals who experience a disaster experience. Ida, Cherokee, and Plymouth counties eligible to up to \$5,000 in assistance for services such as temporary housing, food assistance, personal property, and home repairs.
 - b. **FEMA Assistance** – Amanda noted the Federal Disaster Assistance would be eligible for Woodbury and Monona counties with finance assistance and direct assistance such as replacement assistance and permanent or semi-permanent housing construction.
 - c. **United Way/ Red Cross** – Amanda noted these agencies are continuing to provide support services throughout the response and recovery phases.
4. **Available Funds** - FHLB – Total grant worth \$550,000 spending at least \$15,000 per home. (10k FHLB 5k HTF match); HTF 18-19 has about \$150,000 left and HTF 19-20 grant worth \$300,000. HOME grant worth \$412,500. Amanda noted HOME grant would not be eligible to individuals who owned a home.
5. **Waitlist** - Amanda noted there were 10 individuals on the waitlist for Cherokee, 3 in Ida, 12 in Monona, 12 in Plymouth, and 8 in Woodbury. Amanda noted they are in a good position now to get through the waitlist in the year or two with the funds available.
 - a. **Prioritize Flood Victims** – Amanda asked the board to discuss and make a motion regarding prioritizing flood victims or applicants on the waitlist during this time.

Scott moved to prioritize the waitlist applicants from 2016 first then assist flood victims who have formally received a denial letter, seconded by Rhett Leonard. Motion carried.

6. **Beneficiaries** – Amanda asked the board to decide whether they feel rental properties and landlords/tenants should be considered a priority for funding available for repair/rehab projects. Board agreed to not rehab landlord owned rental properties at this time.

Tammy Bramley moved to approve the motion to not rehab rental properties, seconded by Scott Brekke. Motion carried all ayes.

7. **Flood Plan Houses** – Amanda asked the board to decide whether they would like to see flood plain home owners use funds available for owner-occupied repair/rehab projects. The board agreed to not take action on this item as they would discuss and bring it back at future meeting along with guidelines regarding repair projects for the WICIRIHTF.

8. **2019 Meeting Schedule** – June 27, 2019, September 26, 2019, November 21, 2019

Scott Brekke moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2019, seconded by Rhett Leonard. Motion carried all ayes.

9. **Iowa Housing Partnership** – Amanda informed the group of a new organization that advocated for housing. The board requested that she provide them with additional information so they can then decide who would be an appropriate representative for the WICIHFTF. Amanda noted she will follow up with the board at the next meeting in June.

10. **Adjournment**