

Wetland Task Force Meeting Agenda - 10.1.2025

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM @ RI City Hall

Wetland Task Force Members and Key Roles

Attended meeting

- Ashley Harris - RI Mayor
- Miles Brainard - RI Community Economic Development
- Thomas Flaherty - Assistant to RI City Manager & Economic Development Director
- Todd Thompson - RI City Manager
- Sarah Hayden - RI Community Engagement Manager
- Randy Hurt - RI Second Ward Council Member
- Tanner Osing - Planning & Zoning
- Missy Gasiorowski - General contractor with Hodge construction with the development
- Hannah Alexander - NTI Representative
- Mike Thoms - Resident
- Nina Struss - River Health & Resiliency Organizer with Prairie Rivers Network
- Tim Pressly - Land owner
- Jon Duyvejonck - Retired Wildlife Biologist (USFWS), Sierra Club
- Kathy Wine - Executive Director at River Action
- Lorraine Foelske - IDNR/INPC

Timeline

- **Fall/Winter 2025:**
 - a. City information: historical, utility, boundary work, deeds/title work
 - b. Ecological information from other groups
 - c. City/Task Force proposal for what is desired for the L&WR in terms of public uses
- **Spring/Summer 2026:**
 - a. Proposal & Management plan writing process begins
 - b. Recommended ecological assessments
 - c. Potential Bio-Blitz/community involvement?
 - d. Finalize easement design
 - e. Finalize recreation/hunting plans
- **Fall/Winter 2026:**
 - a. Finalize Proposal and Management Plan
 - b. Obtain signatures on documents
- **January 2027:**
 - a. Present final proposal to the commissioners at the INPC meeting.
 - b. Once approved - sign installation and activation of management plan

Agenda

A. Land & Water Reserve Process Updates - Lorraine

B. Updates on 9/3 Meeting Action Items:

a. City of Rock Island:

- i. Start the RFP Process once confirmation of payment from the state.
- ii. Confirm with Bally's the parcels 21 and with Parks for parcels 22 and 23 for boundary work.
- iii. Tanner/Miles - Identify items that will need to be approved by City Council with potential dates and determine appropriate times for updates.

b. INPC: (Lorraine)

- i. Lorraine will check on the process for cost-sharing the boundary work - Is there an option for reimbursement?
- ii. Lorraine will put together a loose budget for the City by the next meeting.

c. Task Force:

- i. City/Tim will connect with landowners adjacent to the properties for a meeting. Outreach done within the next 2 weeks. Meeting scheduled by the end of October.

C. Next Steps

D. Other Updates

a. Suggested 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule:

- i. **October 15** - Task Force & Augustana & Upper Mississippi River Center
- ii. **October 29** - Keep or cancel?
- iii. **November 12** - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)
- iv. **November 26** - Cancel?
- v. **December 10** - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)
- vi. **December 24** - Cancel
- vii. **January 7, 2026** - Task Force & INPC (Lorraine)

E. Next Meeting: October 15 - Task Force & Augustana & Upper Mississippi River Center