

ESS Coordinating Meeting

Web Conference

March 19, 2025

Attendance

ESS Coordinating Committee

Julie Haggerty, Polk County Recorder
Denise Baker, Wright County Recorder
Melissa Bahnsen, Cedar County Recorder
Jamie Stargell, Adams County Recorder
Dillon Malone, Iowa Title Guaranty
David Erickson, Dentons Davis Brown

Jolynn Goodchild, Plymouth County Recorder
Travis Case, Grundy County Recorder
Natalie Steffener, Des Moines County Recorder
Ann Ditsworth, Dickinson County Recorder
Eric Sloan, IT Boone County

Other Participants

Nancy Booten, Lee County Recorder
Lisa Kent, Wapello County Recorder
Diane Amundson, Humboldt County Recorder
Andrew Moats, Pottawattamie County Recorder
ReNae Arnold, Dallas County Recorder
Teresa Olson, Worth County Recorder
Roxann Vokaty, Howard County Recorder
Lynnae Buffington, Henry County Recorder
Melissa Thurm, Bremer County Recorder
Lisa Crane, Van Buren County Recorder
Lindsay Laufersweiler, Webster County Recorder
Arlene Schauf, Jackson County Recorder
Carleen Bruning, Montgomery County Recorder
CarolAnn Langreck, Fayette County Deputy Recorder
Cortney Hayler, Linn County Deputy Recorder
Josie Fettkether, Clayton County Recorder
Maegan Messamaker, Appanoose County Recorder
Taylor Thornsberry, Van Buren County Deputy Recorder
Diane Swoboda Peterson, Woodbury County Recorder
Kristie Reiersen, Fayette County Recorder

Megan Clyman, Davis County Recorder
Erin Canfield, Boone County Recorder
Janice Jacobs, Butler County Recorder
Jayne Schultz, Winneshiek County Recorder
Amie Griesse, Lyon County Recorder
Shanna Eastvold, Winnebago County Recorder
Karen Mathis, Allamakee County Recorder
Sheila Christians, Osceola County Recorder
Tracy Marshall, Hancock County Recorder
Amy Assink, Floyd County Recorder
Shirley Troyna, Chickasaw County Recorder
Carolyn Siebrecht, Linn County Recorder
Jessica Kooiker, Sioux County Recorder
Jordyn Hill, Warren County Recorder
Deb McDonald, Greene County Recorder
Keri Stepan, Fayette County Deputy Recorder
Mary Ward, Cass County Recorder
Naomi Ellis, Marion County Recorder
Sarah Hearst, Muscatine County Recorder

Pat Hidders, Scott County Recorder Staff
Anthony Bengston, Certified Title Buchanan County
Danielle Michalski, Abstract Association of Iowa

Lucas Beenken, ISAC
Bob Rafferty, Rafferty Group
Unknown Participant, 183160

Lisa Long, Iowa Land Records
Census Lo-liyong, Iowa Land Records
Samantha McMahon, Iowa Land Records

Phil Dunshee, Iowa Land Records
Kristen Delaney-Cole, Iowa Land Records
Corrie Strasser, Iowa Land Records

Welcome

A meeting of the ESS Coordinating Committee was held via web conference.

Legislative Update

The ESS Coordinating committee members received an update on the status of House File 328 following a March 18, 2025, House Local Government subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee meeting was chaired by Representative Carter Nordman. Other subcommittee members were Representative Megan Jones and Representative Kenan Judge. During the meeting, recorders shared their perspectives.

The ESS Coordinating Committee received a summary outlining the differences between HF328 and the ICRA/ESS proposal in SF371. Additionally, an outline of possible amendments to HF328 was presented. These changes would allow counties to withdraw from the 28E agreement, but require their continued participation in the ESS database, search and E-Submission applications.

Authorization

Travis Case made a motion to authorize the ESS lobbyists and the Project Manager to continue the conversation with Representative Nordman and the subcommittee to advance changes which would address the following issues.

- Maintaining a statewide system and aligning language with the provisions of Senate File 371
- Creating a vehicle or method for counties to withdraw from the 28E agreement
- Removing references to another “statewide vendor”

Julie Haggerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next meeting

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on May 15, 2025.