

ESS Coordinating Meeting

Web Conference

March 21, 2025

Attendance

ESS Coordinating Committee

Melissa Bahnsen, Cedar County Recorder
Denise Baker, Wright County Recorder
Travis Case, Grundy County Recorder
Ann Ditsworth, Dickinson County Recorder
David Erickson, Dentons Davis Brown

Jolynn Goodchild, Plymouth County Recorder
Julie Haggerty, Polk County Recorder
Dillon Malone, Iowa Title Guaranty
Jamie Stargell, Adams County Recorder

Other Participants

Diane Amundson, Humboldt County Recorder
Kim Anderson, Hamilton County Recorder
ReNae Arnold, Dallas County Recorder
Amy Assink, Floyd County Recorder
Anthony Bengston, Certified Title Buchanan County
Karen Benschoter, Kossuth County Recorder
Miranda Bills, Audubon County Recorder
Nancy Booten, Lee County Recorder
Samantha Boothby, Cherokee County Recorder
Carleen Bruning, Montgomery County Recorder
Lynnae Buffington, Henry County Recorder
Lisa Crane, Van Buren County Recorder
Katie Carlton, Union County Recorder
Megan Clyman, Davis County Recorder
Erin Canfield, Boone County Recorder
Shanna Eastvold, Winnebago County Recorder
Naomi Ellis, Marion County Recorder
Josie Fettkether, Clayton County Recorder
Dawn Froese, Linn County Deputy Recorder
Jan Gemar, ILTA
Geralyn Greer, Shelby County Recorder
Amie Griesse, Lyon County Recorder
Stacie Herridge, Story County Recorder
Pat Hanners, Scott County Recorder Staff
Selena Humphrey, Clarke County Recorder
Janice Jacobs, Butler County Recorder
Lisa Kent, Wapello County Recorder
Carol Ann Langreck, Fayette County Deputy Recorder

Lindsay Laufersweiler, Webster County Recorder
Tracy Marshall, Hancock County Recorder
Karen Mathis, Allamakee County Recorder
Deb McDonald, Greene County Recorder
Maegan Messamaker, Appanoose County Recorder
Danielle Michalski, Abstract Associates of Iowa
Kelly Mitchell, Adair County Recorder
Andrew Moats, Pottawattamie County Recorder
Teresa Olson, Worth County Recorder
Diane Swoboda Peterson, Woodbury County
Kristie Reiersen, Fayette County Recorder
Sue Ruppert, Palo Alto County Recorder
Arlene Schauf, Jackson County Recorder
Daneen Schindler, Delaware County Recorder
Janelle Schneider, Former Adair County Recorder
Jayne Schultz, Winneshiek County Recorder
Carolyn Siebrecht, Linn County Recorder
Sandie Smith, Blackhawk County Recorder
Susan Smith, O'Brien County Recorder
Kelly Spees, Jefferson County Recorder
Keri Stepan, Fayette County Deputy Recorder
Taylor Thornsberry, Van Buren County Deputy Recorder
Melissa Thurm, Bremer County Recorder
Shirley Troyna, Chickasaw County Recorder
Sue Vande Kamp, Former Story County Recorder
Cathy Voith, Calhoun County Recorder
Roxann Vokaty, Howard County Recorder
Mary Ward, Cass County Recorder

Phil Dunshee, Iowa Land Records
Census Lo-liyong, Iowa Land Records
Lisa Long, Iowa Land Records

Samantha McMahon, Iowa Land Records
Bob Rafferty, Rafferty Group

Welcome

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

Legislative Update

The ESS Coordinating Committee received an update on the status of House File 328, following the March 19, 2025, ESS Coordinating Committee Meeting. At that meeting the ESS Committee approved a motion to authorize the ESS lobbyists and the Project Manager to continue conversations with the bill sponsors and to recommend changes to 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”

Subsequent to the March 19, 2025, ESS lobbyists received information from Representative Carter Nordman about an updated version of the proposal. Notes from their discussion with Representative Nordman included the following bullet points.

- Counties have an unconditional right to leave 28E
- \$10 recording fee would be included
- ILR receives \$3 per document from 28E counties, and \$2 per document from non-28 Counties
- Non-28E counties would still have to submit documents to ILR for search function
- Keeps the \$3 for E-submittals to ILR
- Can still E-submit to all counties, but ILR would have to have agreements with non-28E counties for e-submittal. We have requested such agreements be at no cost to ILR
- ILR would have to have an RFP every five years to manage the database, with change approved by 60 Recorders. If 80 recorders approved, no RFP would be necessary
- Sheriff’s Association Back the Blue language “Each recorder’s office not using ILR for process would need to use their own service provider to do shielding process.”
- ILR is restricted from batch processing or selling records (Maintain current law)

The ESS Coordinating Committee discussed the information provided. Concerns were expressed about the ability of ESS to sustain the system if counties withdrew from the ILR E-Submission service or if the search and E-Submission applications were divided. Members also expressed the need to see the actual legislative language that would be proposed.

No action was taken, and it was noted that ESS would retain the position of “undecided” until further information could be reviewed.

Travis Case made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jolynn Goodchild seconded, and the motion was approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

Next meeting

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