



Executive Board Meeting

January 22, 2026

Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

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MEETING AGENDA
(All times are Central)

1. Coordinator Update
 - a. Financial report
 - i. Bank, accountant, and MICRA records all reconcile as of 12/31/2025
 - ii. Balance on 12/31/2025 = \$216,876.05
 1. MRBP: \$42,871.35
 2. MICRA: \$174,004.07 (\$106,749.82 obligated)
 - b. September 3-4, 2025, meeting
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes
 - ii. Action: review Action Items
 - c. Coordinator focus
 - i. USGS meeting follow-up: draft governance document
 - ii. Fishery commission workgroup
 - iii. Aquatic Habitat Action Plan
 - d. USFWS invasive carp funding cycle review update
2. New Business
 - a. Passing of the gavel
 - b. Chair-Elect needed
 - c. Summer meeting date and location
 - d. Other new business?
3. Legislative Update
4. DC Fly-in Planning (Planning Team only)
 - a. Briefing documents / fact sheets

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Executive Board members will review the September meeting minutes and provided recommended corrections or revisions to Conover before the end of January.
2. Zweifel will call for a vote to approve the September meeting minutes before the end of January.
3. Zweifel or Batten will contact John Lott regarding Chair-elect for 2026-2027 term. Follow-up with Kasey Whiteman if needed.
4. Zweifel and Conover will look into options in PA and IA for a summer Executive Board meeting in mid-August (week of August 17th).
5. Executive Board members hold the week of Aug 17th for an in-person meeting.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Voting Executive Board Members

Ben Batten, AGFC, MICRA Chairperson

Ken Cunningham, ODWC, Arkansas/Red/White Rivers Sub-Basin Representative

Jason Henegar, Lower Mississippi River Sub-Basin Representative

Rich Zweifel, OH DNR, Ohio River Sub-Basin Representative

Dave Dreves, KDFWR, Tennessee/Cumberland Rivers Sub-Basin Representative

Kirk Hansen¹, IA DNR, Upper Mississippi River Sub-Basin Representative

Dave Wellman, WVDNR, incoming Ohio River Sub- Basin Representative

Aaron Woldt, USFWS, Federal Agency Executive Board Member

JC Nelson, USGS, Federal Agency Executive Board Member

* A quorum of six voting members was present.

Non-Voting Executive Board Members

Brian Schoenung, IL DNR, MICRA Past Chairman

Angie Rodgers, USFWS, Alternate Lower Mississippi River Sub-Basin Representative

Greg Conover, USFWS, MICRA Coordinator

Introductions

Dave Smith, ERDC

Ashlee Smith, Sequoya Strategies

Bruce Drecktrah, MDC, Delegate

Cole Harty, TWRA