Executive Board Meeting
May 26 and 27, 2026

Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING AGENDA

(All times are Central)

May 26, 2026 – 10am-12pm (central)

Agenda:

1. Approval of meeting minutes from January 2026 meeting –

2. Sequoya Agreement –
   - Ashlee asked to increase monthly agreement amount to $5500
   - Adding quarterly reporting requirement

3. Consider request for sponsorship of the 2026 North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society (NASPS) meeting –

4. Update on MICRA accountant search –

5. MICRA Debit / Credit Card –

6. LMRCC Letter of Support –

7. Acknowledging Greg Conover's Service –

May 27, 2026 – 10am-12pm (central)

Agenda:

1. USFWS retirements –
   - MICRA Coordination – Greg Conover
   - ICAC co-chair – Rob Simmonds

2. ICAC –
   - With Rob Simmond's retirement and less capacity from USFWS, what are the key needs from ICAC going forward? Does it look different?

3. FY25 Invasive Carp Funding Delays –
   - Communication to USFWS / DOI

4. USFWS Invasive Carp Funding Cycle Review –

5. Two-way transfer letter to Colonel Herlihy USACE –

6. ISC (Invasive Species Collaboration) Discussion –
   - ISC is interested in collaboration with MICRA
   - Share information on their proposal and invite discussion on approaches for future discussions (who and what)?

7. Legislative Updates –

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action Items

1. Follow up on two-way transfer letter with Colonel Hurlihy – Rich
2. Resend congressional priority list and coordinate Louisiana field visits – Ashlee
3. Coordinate with USGS and ISC on Piscimycin presentation – Neal/JC
4. Prepare website refresh options for August Executive Board – Rich and Neal
5. Request a third quote for accounting services before making final decision – Neal
6. Send WRDA bill text to Rich – Ashlee
7. Provide comprehensive budget view related to increases in expenses - Neal

Decisions

1. The board approved an increase in Sequoya Strategies monthly fee from $5,000 to $5,500.
2. The board approved to sponsor the North American Sturgeon and Paddlefish Society annual meeting for $1,500.
3. The board supported LMRCC's application to become a National Fish Habitat Partnership and agreed to provide a letter of support.
4. Kirk Hansen was elected Chair-Elect.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Voting Executive Board Members

Ken Cunningham, ODWC, Arkansas/Red/White Rivers Sub-Basin Representative
Jason Henegar, Lower Mississippi River Sub-Basin Representative
Dave Dreves, KDFWR, Tennessee/Cumberland Rivers Sub-Basin Representative
Kirk Hansen[1], 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

Rich Zweifel, OH DNR, Ohio River Sub-Basin Representative
Ben Batten, AGFC, MICRA Immediate Past Chair
Brian Schoenung, IL DNR, MICRA Past Chairman
Angie Rodgers, USFWS, Alternate Lower Mississippi River Sub-Basin Representative
Neal Jackson, USFWS, MICRA Coordinator

Introductions

Ashlee Smith, Sequoya Strategies
Janet Lebson, USFWS
Amy McGovern, USFWS
Jason Goeckler, USFWS