



## **MICRA Delegate Meeting Minutes**

August 21, 2023

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (EST)

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
Governor's Room  
187 Monroe Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

*An option for remote participation was provided.*

### **MEETING AGENDA**

(All times are Eastern)

- 1:00 Welcome and Introductions (Brad Parsons)
- 1:10 MICRA's Policy and Government Affairs Work in 2023 (Ashlee Smith)
  - Fishery Commission Initiative, Legislative, and Coalition Progress
  - Next Steps for Congressional and Partner Outreach
- 2:30 Success! Now what? Operationalizing the Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission (Parsons)
- 3:00 Break / Refreshments
- 3:30 MICRA's Draft 2024-2028 Priorities Document (Parsons and Greg Conover)
- 4:00 MICRA's Draft MICRA's Aquatic Habitat Action Plan (Parsons and Conover)
- 4:30 Proposal to Increase MICRA Member Annual Dues (Parsons)
- 4:50 Closing Remarks (Parsons)
- 5:00 Adjourn / Mixer
- 6:00 Mixer Closes



12. The Executive Board will share the final version of the MICRA Aquatic Habitat Action Plan with the delegates once it is finalized this Fall.
13. The Executive Board will consider adding information to the revised list of interjurisdictional rivers in the basin on federal authorities and ceded territories that result in interjurisdictional management of fisheries and aquatic resources.
14. The Executive Board will reconsider the amount of the proposed annual dues increase for state agency members and develop a justification that explains why the increase is needed and identifies what the states will get back in return for their investment in the partnership.

## MEETING ATTENDEES

1. Ben Batten, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, MICRA Chair-elect
2. Dave Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
3. George Scholten, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
4. Rich Zweifel, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio River Sub-basin Representative
5. Ken Cunningham, Oklahoma Division of Wildlife, Arkansas-Red-White Rivers Sub-basin Representative
6. JC Nelson, U.S. Geological Survey
7. Dave Dreves, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Tennessee-Cumberland Rivers Sub-basin Representative
8. Greg Conover, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MICRA Coordinator
9. Justine Hasz, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
10. Angie Rodgers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, LMRCC Coordinator
11. Allan Brown, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
12. Raynie Harlan, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
13. Ashlee Smith, Sequoya Strategies, MICRA Contractor
14. Kevin Irons, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
15. Brian Schoenung, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, MICRA Past-chair
16. Tim Bister, Texas Parks and Wildlife<sup>1</sup>
17. Aaron Woldt, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service<sup>1</sup>
18. Katie Zipfel, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources<sup>1</sup>
19. Christian Waters, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission<sup>1</sup>
20. Bob Caccese, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission<sup>1</sup>
21. Heather Smiles, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission<sup>1</sup>
22. Clint Jones, Tennessee Valley Authority<sup>1</sup>
23. Bruce Drektrah, Missouri Department of Conservation<sup>1</sup>
24. Jerry Brown, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks<sup>1</sup>
25. Mark Thurman, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency<sup>1</sup>
26. John Lott, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks<sup>1</sup>
27. Brad Parsons, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Remote participants