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***Meeting of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) ACF
Regional Drought Early Warning System
and
Meeting of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders (ACFS)
Governing Board***

**Lakepoint Lodge & Conference Center
Eufaula, AL**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 1:00pm - Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 3:30pm

AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes

ACFS Governing Board

- **Hold Annual Meeting of ACFS**
- **Ratify ACFS officers for 2018**
- **Adopt 2018 Operating Budget**
- **Learn about other ACFS committee and work group activities, and organize next steps, including:**
 - **Financial report and fundraising activities**
 - **2018 committee and work group membership**
- **Discuss and approve action plan from Udall Assessment Report**

NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)

- **Presentation from NOAA Water Initiative, the National Water Center, National Water Model**
- **Receive update from NIDIS on the NIDIS Public Law and national program priorities, as well as ACF focus study of predictive drought management and other existing ACF DEWS initiatives**
- **Receive updates from Federal, state, and local partners**
- **Discuss new opportunities and priorities related to the [ACF DEWS Strategic Plan](#) and make recommendations for potential collaborative projects that build drought early warning capacity in the Basin**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

ACFS Governing Board

- 1:00-1:30 Registration, Informal gathering
- 1:30-1:45 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

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Advance materials: ACFS June 13 Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Brad Moore, ACFS Chair

1:45-2:00

Old Business

Objective: Approve October 25 2017 Meeting Summary.

Advance materials: October 25 2017 Governing Board Meeting Summary

Brad Moore, ACFS Chair

2:00

ADJOURN GOVERNING BOARD MEETING/CONVENE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

2:00-2:30

ACFS Annual Report

Objective: Hear report on the year's accomplishments.

Advance materials: May 2018 Financial Report

Presentation [15 min]

Brad Moore, ACFS Chair

Charles Stripling, Finance Committee Chair

Questions and Discussion [15 min]

2:30-2:45

Other Business

2:45

ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING/CONVENE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

2:45-3:15

New Business

Objective: Approve 2018 Operating Budget, Ratify new officers, Approve Udall Report Action Plan, and look ahead to plans for remainder of 2018.

Advance materials: ACFS 2018 Operating Budget; Udall Report Action Plan

Presentations on new business items

Brad Moore, ACFS Chair

Charles Stripling, Finance Committee Chair

Discussion and Decisions on New Business:

Proposed 2018 Operating Budget

Ratify 2018 Officers

Presentation on plans for 2018

TBD, incoming ACFS Chair

3:15

BREAK

3:30-4:15

Committee and Work Group Status Reports

Objectives: Learn about current committee and work group activities; Discuss committee memberships

Finance Committee and Fundraising

TBD, Finance Committee chair

Brad Currey, Fundraising chair

Membership Committee

Katherine Zitsch, *Membership Committee chair*

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Billy Turner, *Intergovernmental Affairs Committee chair*

Education and Outreach Committee

Education and Outreach Committee chair

Issues Committee

Jim Phillips, *Issues Committee chair*

NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)

- 4:15-5:15 Information Session: NOAA's Water Initiative, the National Water Center, and the National Water Model
Objective: Presentation on research activities at the National Water Center [45 min]
Peter Colohan, *Director, Service Innovation and Partnership Division, Office of Water Prediction, National Weather Service, NOAA*
Questions and Discussion [15 min]
- 5:15-5:30 Wrap Up
- 6:00 Reception and Fish Fry (all ACFS and NIDIS ACF DEWS meeting participants invited)
Location: Shorter Mansion, 340 N Eufaula Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027

Thursday, June 14, 2018

NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)

- 7:45 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 Reconvene Governing Board Meeting
Objective: Reflection from Day One; Review agenda for today.
TBD, *ACFS Chair*
Elizabeth Ossowski, *NIDIS Program Coordinator*
- 8:45-9:45 Information Session – NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System
Objective: Learn about recent developments in NOAA NIDIS program in the ACF Basin
Advance materials: [ACF DEWS 2017-2018 Strategic Plan](#)
Presentations [45 min]
Puneet Srivastava, *Auburn University*
Elizabeth Ossowski, *NIDIS, 2017 - 2018 ACF DEWS Strategic Plan*
Pam Knox, *USDA Climate Hub initiative (tentative)*
Questions and Discussion [15 min]
- 9:45-10:45 Round Robin Updates from partners engaged in Drought Early Warning activities in the ACF Basin (Open Discussion)
Objective: Discuss new priorities, needs, and activities in the ACF Basin of value and interest to building drought early warning capacity in the region.

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10:45 BREAK

11:00-12:00 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ACF Update (tentative)
Objective: Receive an update on ACF projects from USACE. Learn about USACE IWR projects and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Questions and Discussion [30 min]

12:00-1:00 LUNCH (provided)

1:00-1:45 U.S. Drought Monitor
Objective: Receive an overview from the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) on the production of the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), and discuss opportunities for strengthening regional information into the USDM

Brian Fuchs, NDMC

Nicole Wall, NDMC

Questions and Discussion [30 min]

1:45-3:20 ACF DEWS Strategic Plan and Open Discussion (with break)
Objective: Review results from informal poll of meeting participants on needs and gaps related to the ACF DEWS, determine path forward on key and potential new ACF DEWS initiatives and projects

3:20-3:30 Wrap up and Next Steps

3:30 ADJOURN MEETING