



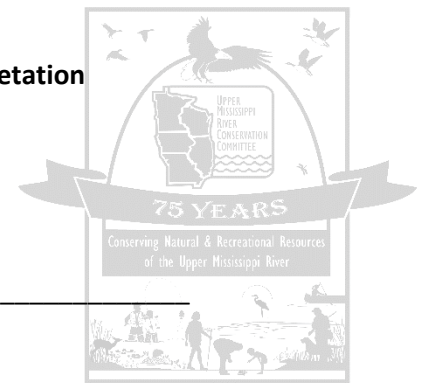
## Outreach, Recreation, Environmental Education, Interpretation Technical Section (OREIT)

Matt Vitello, Chair (Missouri DOC)

September 15, 2020

9 AM – 12 PM

Webex



### DRAFT Agenda

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

##### a. 75<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Publication

- Main sections have been reviewed and edited
- Several individual topics have been written as asked, Hydropower, Freshwater Mussels, Resilience, Water Quality, Nature Deficit, Spills, Preface
- Missing? WLM, Commercial Fishing, Forests, Success Stories
- Historical UMRCC perspective, past 25 years, look into future
- Preface has been rewritten and edited
- Tech sections need to be written and Fish was going to be template
- Once all pieces in, **how do we get this to published?**

- ##### b. Field Trip Grant application requirements – Field trip grants applications do not need Executive Board approval. They can go through Neal and the OREIT Technical section for approval. Neal has recently received two field trip grant applications. 1. Desoto Middle School taking a field trip to the river for duck identification that they have been learning about in school. 2. North Woods International Elementary School taking a field trip to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN.

There was some discussion from the Executive Board about eliminating some of the requirements to make the grant application easier.

1. River experience: Have they received any river training prior to the field trip. Hard for teachers to fill this requirement. Jeff commented that the Executive Board needs to move on this now to removes this requirement because we don't have the teacher workshops anymore.
2. Grants will be reviewed by a "Field Trip Grant Committee". Now Neal reviews the applications and passed them along to the OREIT Technical Section. Jeff thought it was good to have the OREIT section review the applications to get approval of disbursements by multiple people on record. We also need to review the 45-day requirement. Grantees are required to provide a summary of the field trip and photos for the newsletter.

Megan Moore made a motion to clean up the field trip application. Matt Vitello seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. The OREIT section will provide an updated field trip grant application for the March meeting.

## II. Old Business

### a. OREIT Website Investigation

- i. Path forward to new website- Neal looked into MICRA costs and we have the new UMRBRA web site as models, looked into costs
- ii. Should the board establish a website ad hoc committee? Discussed but no decision at the last year's meeting
- iii. Items from the fall meeting discussion about the web page.
  - Have Tech chairs look through their pages much like Zeb did and recommend what additional short term changes are needed. (Gritters)- somewhat completed
  - Further update and eliminate all links that are not maintained. (Neal Jackson)
  - We will not make the web page fully ADA compliant but take the low hanging fruit such as font and colors and move towards better ADA accessibility with the present page (Reena Parsons, Bailey Anderegg Gina Bonsignore) Neal will update.
  - Remove Links we do not use (Neal Jackson).
  - New Photo's and most important content discussion (Tech Chairs). Submit to Chairperson Gritters and Coordinator Jackson- not completed
  - Look into what is needed to form a Digital Ad Hoc of the OREIT to look into a future new web page (Chairperson Gritters)
  - need to find policy for submittal of material to the web page. (Jeff Janvrin)

### b. Recreation Work Group Update- Sara Strassman

Note from Sara: I wonder if there'd be time to have a big-picture conversation about where OREIT wants to focus its limited time? What are the biggest gaps we need to fill? There are so many great things we can be doing and only so much time to do them in. Maybe you have had this conversation recently and I'm out of the loop. Do you think there could be time for the RWG to do a little business item by signing its charter? I'm trying to figure out how to get that done while we have the right bodies in the room (I think. I still have to confirm all the signatories...)

c. **100 Years of the UMR Refuge:** this item was brought to Chairperson Gritters attention by Ric Zarwell

### d. Directives from Neal and executive board to OREIT for consideration

e. **Conservation Hall of Fame-** Jared McGovern

f. **OREIT update-** Neal Jackson, when present

g. **Field Trips-** we have the travel field trip grants but what about other opportunities with eagle days and 100 years of the Refuge celebrations coming up soon (attached grant opportunity)

h. **Mussel Blitz and Goose banding opportunities through the National Aquarium-** Mussel Blitz done, where at with Goose Banding this year?

## III. New Business

### a. Open Discussion