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Electronic Services System Coordinating Committee

Meeting Summary

September 4, 2008

Participants

Deb Winke, Allamakee County Recorder
Sue Meyer, Clayton County Recorder
Joyce Jensen, Cass County Recorder
Sue Vande Kamp, Story County Recorder
Liz Kenison, Worth County Recorder
Denise Meeves, Crawford County Recorder
Megan Clyman, Davis Co. Deputy Recorder
Marilyn Dopheide, Carroll County Recorder
Deb Roberts, Floyd County Recorder

Scott Williams, Marshall County IT
Tony Colacino, Iowa State Bar Association
Jason Clayworth, The Des Moines Register
Angela Dalton, Ombudsman's Office
Kristie Hirschman, Ombudsman's Office
Phil Dunshee, Enterprise MidAmerica
Lisa Sinclair, Enterprise MidAmerica

Welcome

Joyce Jensen, Coordinating Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and participants identified themselves.

The two agenda items were noted, discussion on the consideration of privacy concerns and approval of a new document access policy.

Access to Public Records

Consideration of Privacy Concerns

Members discussed the recent events and controversy about social security numbers existing on document images on the website. On Wednesday, the Executive Leadership of Membership met via teleconference and a news release was issued.

The purpose and history of the Iowa Land Records site was reviewed and discussed. The site began as a legislative initiative and is an economic development tool and a service to Iowans. Documents displayed on the site are originally prepared by third parties. The site does not

provide any information that cannot be found at a Recorder's office. Any person, without identifying Himself, may go to their local Recorder's office and ask for a copy of a mortgage, UCC document or other real estate document.

Iowa Land Records document access policy

During Wednesday's teleconference, the ESS Chair and Association Chair decided to temporarily restrict the viewing of mortgages and UCC documents. It was noted that state and federal tax liens have never been available for viewing. Indexes remain accessible for customers to examine.

Members discussed the restriction policy and whether or not it should be formally approved.

Megan Clyman moved to approve the policy to restrict access to mortgages and UCC documents along with state and federal tax liens. The site will otherwise continue to operate as usual.

The policy will be implemented until programming is in place to enable documents dated January 1, 2003 or later to be viewed. There shall be no change in policy restricting tax liens. Liz Kenison seconded and the motion was approved with Scott Williams dissenting.

It was noted that the methodology for re-enabling mortgages and UCC documents beginning 2003 will have to be a budgeted item.

Adjournment

Members hoped that the public concerns had been immediately addressed. Procedures for requesting redactions will be sent to all customers that have contacted the Project Office. Members supported a comprehensive redaction effort.

Participants were thanked for attending the meeting and directed to contact the Project Office with further questions or comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.