

IOWA LAND RECORDS

2023 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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LEGACY SEARCH WILL RETIRE THIS FRIDAY

At the end of the business day on Friday, December 8, the legacy search application will be retired. The only login to search for digital land records in Iowa will be through the <https://iowalandrecords.org/cas/login> sign in.

As we prepare for the end of Legacy Search, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we started together. In the past two years, we have successfully launched a complete revitalization of BOTH Search and Electronic Submission applications all housed under one website. Modernization is crucial to continue our mission of providing fast and secure land record management services in our state, unlike any other in

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Finance

Dec. 7, 2023

ESS Coordinating

Dec. 12, 2023

[Accountability in Reporting.](#)

****All Meetings Are Moving to ZOOM**

Webinars

[E-Submission Training.](#)

Dec. 6, 2023 @ 2 p.m.

You play an important role every time you participate in an ESS discussion or survey, read our updates and any time promote ILR's services. Thank you for helping us achieve this milestone. Read more about how you helped Iowa Land Records develop new possibilities in the 2023 Annual Report.

Our journey together will continue and we can't wait to show you what's next!

READ THE ANNUAL REPORT



CHECK YOUR ILR LINK ON COUNTY SITE

Many county websites still have links to the legacy login. Make sure your website and other resources have the current link or you could experience higher call volumes to your office.

Be proactive and update with the link below now!

<https://iowalandrecords.org/cas/login>

2024 BUDGET APPROVED

In November, the ESS Coordinating Committee approved the 2024 budget. To achieve a balanced budget and direct resources toward the modernization of fees and policy initiatives, some difficult choices had to be made.

- Temporarily reduce maintenance credits by 32%
 - Final credit amounts will be calculated after the first of the year & will be an action item for the ESS Coordinating Committee in February
- Use reserve funds for several technology expenditures including software licenses and managed services
- Temporarily implement a staff wage freeze
- Adjusted hours for certain staff



The meeting was recorded and can be found [HERE](#). All meeting agendas, packets and recordings are made available on the ILR website on the [Accountability In Reporting](#) page.

MONTHLY OUTREACH CHALLENGE

Don't fall behind. Prepare for this month's Outreach Challenge!



PLAN, TRACK & CELEBRATE

Advocacy is a year-round effort, therefore your challenge is to celebrate your accomplishments, start thinking about planning a community event, and begin logging all communications you have with legislators and stakeholders.

Be your best advocate and celebrate your accomplishments by attending or hosting a community event to voice the importance of your role and big improvements achieved in 2023 as an organization.

To maintain an organized approach, please use the link below to download a draft of the Advocacy Tracking Log. This tool will serve as a central repository for recording your interactions, engagements, and progress with stakeholders and legislators. As we embark on this journey, remember that building relationships is a continuous process, and the trust we establish now will be the bedrock for successful advocacy in the future. Thank you for your dedication to this vital initiative, and we look forward to making meaningful strides in your stakeholder engagement efforts.

Please send any questions to Census Lo-liyong at clo-liyong@clris.com.

TRACKING LOG DOWNLOAD - EXCEL

TRACKING LOG DOWNLOAD - PDF



POS VOID, NOT REFUND

When using your POS device, please remember to VOID any mistakes or errors before the end of the business day. Recently, there has been an increase of users selecting "refund" on their devices. Refunds are deducted from the ILR account, not the county account, and results in an invoice being sent to your county for repayment to ESS.

Please contact support@clris.com with questions or concerns.

NEW VIDEO - HOW TO EDIT YOUR BROCHURE

Since the publication of the updated ICRA brochure, there have been questions about how to add county information on the back of this new resource. This video was recorded prior to the latest budget update and is available for your use only. The video is not public on ILR's YouTube channel and can only be viewed by those who have access to the link, which can be found on the button below.

For further questions, please contact the ICRA communications committee.

Click [HERE](#) to directly download the Word Document of the ICRA Brochure to your device. Please note that this may not popup in a new window and may be in your downloads folder.

WATCH THE TUTORIAL



Attend an E-Submission Training Webinar

- Only one hour long
- Review standards and best practices for e-submission
- Review the step-by-step e-submission process
- Ask questions to our support team live

E-SUBMISSION WEBINAR

[Register HERE](#) for the next E-Submission webinar at **2 p.m. TODAY!**

Please view our [calendar](#) for other webinars and other upcoming events.



Thank you for a great year and Happy Holidays

—Your Iowa Land Records Team



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