



Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM Monday, February 13, 2017
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: D. McCoy, D. Richmond, C. Brower, M. Bills, J. Panasiewicz, L. Erhardt, Z. Olow and J. Maguder

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dave McCoy at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Public Expression

None

Chairman's Comments

None

Coordinator's Comments

- Dave McCoy said the 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program opened on February 1 and will close on March 31.
- Treasurer's Report - \$69,407.00
- The Arkwright/Pomfret Windfarm continues to move forward. Jen Maguder noted that Jonathan Townsend with the CWC was involved in the public participation process. The Commission discussed taking a formal position on windfarms; however the topic was tabled for future discussion.
- McCoy said a follow up meeting to discuss water-related projects with Chautauqua County Execs meeting was scheduled for tomorrow. Topics include:
 - Woleben Road Culvert;
 - Deferred maintenance for Barcelona, Dunkirk and Cattaraugus Creek Harbors;
 - Dunkirk Inner Harbor Improvements;
 - Silver Creek flood mitigation;
 - Chautauqua County Fair drainage system;
 - Town of Hanover Dunes; and
 - Upland Reservoirs



- McCoy noted the CCPED was developing a new website and offered to post LEMC meeting minutes and agendas. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to post the Commissions minutes and agendas on the website. The motion was seconded by Zen Olow. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee - Dave McCoy and Zen Olow discussed the Lake Erie Outreach & Education Event scheduled for May 13 at the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club. Olow also noted that the City of Dunkirk was planning the Great Lakes Experience on June 17th.

Member/Partner Reports

- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance – Joanna Panasiewicz said LEWPA was waiting for approval of its work plan, and the NYSDEC wanted to perform the baseline monitoring, She also noted that LEWPA hoping to be able to include 2015 EPF funding in their budget for 2017.
- Lake Erie Beaches – No report
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District – Cassy Brower said the District was looking to increase funding for the Silver Creek dam project and requested a letter of support from the Commission for an application to the Great Lakes grant program. Doug Richmond made a motion to send the letter. The motion was seconded by Zen Olow. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- Sportfishing – Zen Olow noted the Sportfishing Advisory Board was holding its annual Fishing Essay Contest and asked the Commission to again contribute \$500 toward the purchase of prizes (fishing poles). Martha Bills made the motion to contribute \$500 to the effort. The motion was seconded by Doug Richmond. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission. Olow also said the Sportfishing Advisory Board was coordinating a “Take a Kid Fishing” event at the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club on June 23. Lastly, Olow noted the Sportsman’s Federation will be holding its annual banquet at the Lakewood Road & gun Club on April 24th.
- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy – Jen Maguder said that the CWC recently gave two presentations to local chapters of Trout Unlimited. She also said that a virtual tour of the CWC’s preserves was scheduled for February 27 at the Ashville BOCES. Lastly, she noted that the CWC was fund raising to acquire 30-40 acres from the Greystone Nature Preserve.

Old Business

- Local Watershed Redevelopment Plan – Dave McCoy said that CCPED was evaluating proposals for consulting services for Phase II programming.



- Solar Advisory – Martha Bills indicated the Town of Westfield thought the recently issues Solar Advisory was helpful when reviewing a project.

New Business

- Lance Erhardt indicated his concern regarding transportation of radioactive waste through Western New York. Erhardt also noted that the City of Dunkirk was planning to hold the Great Lakes Experience Event on the waterfront on June 17th.
- McCoy noted that George Borrello, Pierre Chagnon and he were visiting the USACE and our House & Senate representatives in Washington DC on March 1 & 2 and asked for a resolution to approve \$1000 from the LEMC to cover travel and lodging costs. The motion was made by Doug Richmond and seconded by Zen Olow. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Actions Taken

- A motion was made by Doug Richmond to post the Commissions minutes and agendas on the CCPED website. The motion was seconded by Zen Olow and was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- A motion was made by Doug Richmond made to send the letter of support for Great Lakes funding in connection with the Silver Creek Dam project. The motion was seconded by Zen Olow and was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- A motion was made by Martha Bills to contribute \$500 to the Sportfishing Advisory Board for the purchase of prizes. The motion was seconded by Doug Richmond and was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- A motion was made by Doug Richmond to contribute \$1000 for travel and lodging costs for the Washington DC advocacy effort. The motion was seconded by Zen Olow and was approved unanimously by the Commission.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on April 17 (3rd Monday) at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory, Portland, NY

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.