



Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM Monday, April 17, 2017
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: G. Borrello, D. McCoy, J. Galoti, B. Boria, D. Richmond, C. Brower, M. Bills, L. Erhardt, Z. Olow and J. Panasiewicz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borrello at 9:00 am

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13th meeting was made by Z. Olow and seconded by Doug Richmond. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Expression: None

Chairman's Comments:

- Chairman Borrello noted that he planned to formally announce his plans to run for Chautauqua County Executive, which would require the election of a new Chairman.
- Borrello also provided a summary of recent advocacy efforts in Washington DC along with fellow Legislator Pierre Chagnon, Dave McCoy and Steve Dye from Nexus Government Relations. The group visited the USEPA, USACE, Congressman Reed, and staff from Senators Gillibrand and Schumer.

Coordinator's Comments

- D. McCoy said that 17 applications were received for the 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program, 6 of which are in the Lake Erie watershed.
- Treasurer's Report: The current balance of the LLEMC account is \$62,907
- NEXUS Activities: Steve Dye coordinated the Washington advocacy trip, drafted appropriations requests for Harbor O&M and thankyou letters to the elected officials and agency representatives.
- Arkwright/Pomfret Windfarm: No update
- Chautauqua County Execs: A list of water resource-related initiatives was compiled for the County Chamber of Commerce.



Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee :
 - Plastics Brochure, Riparian Buffers Initiative and Sewer Systems Initiative: No update
 - Lake Erie Outreach & Education Event at the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club on May 13: Planning is generally complete; however some coordination remains regarding refreshments, tables and etc.

Member/Partner Reports

- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance – J. Panasiewicz said:
 - There was an upcoming training event for local government officials funded by the SeaGrant;
 - LEWPA will send the Solar Advisory to local government and requested contact information for Clerks & Supervisors;
 - NYS funding was now in place for the water quality improvement projects; and
 - Chapter 7 of the Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan was being circulated for comments;
 - LEWPA will be conducting Earth Day outreach; and
 - The Great Lakes Experience will return to Dunkirk on June 17.
- Lake Erie Beaches – Bill Boria said:
 - Beach sampling has not yet started; and
 - The Health Department was looking for grants to fund GIS upgrades.
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District – C. Brower said:
 - The District was looking to provide a boat steward at Barcelona;
 - The District was preparing to resume hydroseeding activities;
 - They are looking for a wetland for mitigation near Crooked Brook or Pt. Gratiot;
 - They are preparing permits for work on Walnut, Slippery Rock and are in the planning stage for the Silver Creek Dam removal; and
 - Their annual tree sale was in progress and they are preparing for the annual Envirothon event.
- Sportfishing – Z. Olow said:
 - The Great Lakes Experience was scheduled for June 17 in Dunkirk and requested that the LEMC contribute to the event;
 - The City of Dunkirk is planning a WNY Heroes event;
 - Safe boating courses are currently being offered by the Sheriff's Department;
 - VIP Fishing Day is scheduled for 8/9;
 - Dave Barrett is the new Chautauqua County fish guy/writer; and
 - He is working on a list of fishing tournaments.



- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy – No update.

Old Business - None

New Business

- D. McCoy noted that CCPED, City of Dunkirk, the Towns of Westfield and Hanover and the NCRF-LED group were working to prepare a CFA Application for funding Economic Impact Analysis of North County Harbors.

Summary of Actions Taken

- A motion to contribute \$500 to the Great Lakes Experience Event was made by J. Galoti and seconded by D. Richmond. The motion was approved unanimously.

Schedule Next Meeting

- June 19th (3rd Monday) would be the next meeting date at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory, Portland, NY

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by J. Galoti and seconded by D. Richmond. The motion was carried unanimously.