

Lake Erie Management Commission

Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM Monday, August 15, 2016
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: G. Borrello, D. McCoy, D. Richmond, J. Galoti, M. Bills, J. Joy, J. Phelps from Congressman Reed's Office, and C. Pinkoski

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman George Borrello.

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Borrello noted that VIP Fishing Day was successful with a very good presentation on the economic impacts of sportfishing during the luncheon.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Borrello asked for a motion to approve the April 18th minutes. The motion was made by Doug Richmond and seconded by Martha Bills. The motion was proved unanimously.

Public Expression

None

Coordinator's Comments

- Twenty-six applications were received for the 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program. The applications have been scored and ranked by the Waterways Panel and will be submitted to the Legislature in September for authorization to begin environmental review.
- Treasurer's Report – There is \$45,833.00 in the Commission's budget.
- NEXUS Activities – We are working with the Pittsburgh Division of the USACE to resubmit the 2014 proposal for Chautauqua Lake. We have been dialoging with the City of Dunkirk and Congressman Reed's office concerning improvements to the Dunkirk Harbor.

Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee
 - Yard Waste Management Campaign – A discussion ensued regarding extending the campaign this fall with additional Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in cooperation with the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. The group agreed that \$1,500 was a reasonable amount to invest in the campaign. Chairman Borrello asked for a motion to approve \$1,500 for the campaign. The motion was brought to the floor by Martha Bills, seconded by Doug Richmond and was approved unanimously by the group.
 - Plastics, Riparian Buffers and Sewer Systems Initiatives – Dave McCoy said that he has been compiling information to draft brochures. The Plastics brochure was in rough draft; however, the others still needed a lot of work. The Septic Systems brochure will likely be modeled after the NYSDEC's recent PCI brochure.
 - Potential Lake Erie Event – Dave McCoy noted that in the absence of the Great Lakes Experience event, there was an opportunity to have an event, similar to the Chautauqua Lake Rally.

Member/Partner Reports

- LEWPA – Cassie Pinkoski said that there was \$60,000 available for each of the member counties.
- Lake Erie Beaches – No report.
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water District – Cassie Pinkoski said the CCS&WD had recently completed projects on Silver & Walnut creeks and on Crooked Brook.
- Sportfishing – No report
- Town of Westfield – Martha Bills noted that the Town, NYSDEC and CCS&WD had partnered to improve parking and streamside access to Chautauqua Creek.

Old Business

- Dave McCoy said that the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development should begin the second phase of the project this fall.
- Martha Bill noted that the Barcelona Harbor breakwater repair was anticipated to begin in September.

New Business

- Chairman Borrello suggested that Bob Bankowski and Kevin Muldowney be added to the LEMC membership. A discussion ensued and Chairman Borrello called for a resolution to add Bankowski and Muldowney to the LEMC. The motion was brought to the floor by Martha Bills, seconded by Joe Galoti and approved unanimously by the group. Dave McCoy said he would look into what needed to be done to prepare the Resolution for the County Legislature.

Summary of Actions Taken

- Approval of the April 18th minutes.
- Approval to spend \$1,500 for media for the Yard Waste Management Campaign.
- Approval to add Bob Bankowski and Kevin Muldowney to the LEMC.

Schedule Next Meeting

October 17th (3rd Monday) Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory, Portland, NY.

Adjourn

Chairman Borrello called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was brought to the floor by Doug Richmond, Seconded by Joe Galoti and approved unanimously by the group.

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Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Zen Olow and seconded by Lance Earhart.

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