

Lake Erie Management Commission

Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM Monday, October 17, 2016
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: G. Borrello, D. McCoy, J. Galoti, M. Bills, B. Boria, J. Phelps from Congressman Reed's Office, and J Maguder

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chairman George Borrello. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of a quorum.

Public Expression

None

Chairman's Comments

None

Coordinator's Comments

- 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program – Twenty six applications were received, nine of which have been recommended to the Legislature. Four of the nine applications are in the Lake Erie Watershed. SEQR approval will be considered by the Legislature in November.
- Treasurer's Report – There is currently \$44,333 in the LEMC treasury.
- NEXUS Activities – The contract will expire November 16. The Legislature will consider a contract extension to the end of 2016 and authorization for the County Executive to enter into a new agreement for 2017.
- CR2T Culvert off of Woleben Road – The culvert and other north county initiatives will be discussed at the October 20th Chautauqua Execs event at the Fredonia Incubator. The other initiatives include:
 - 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

Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee – Dave McCoy said the PSAs for the Yard waste management campaign had been broadcast and that the CWC had prepared one of two videos for YouTube. The videos will be boosted via Facebook for different areas of the County.
- McCoy also noted that PED staff had a good relationship with SUNY Fredonia, who had an interest in assisting with the Plastics Brochure, Riparian Buffers Initiative and Sewer Systems Initiative.
- The group discussed having a Lake Erie Outreach & Education Event and decided that the spring of 2017 would be the best time. It was hoped that Zen Olow could help with getting the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club involved in the effort.

Member/Partner Reports

- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance – Joanna Panasiewicz said that LEWPA is still waiting for a contract for the \$250k EPF funds. She added that the contract would be a 4-year agreement that maybe executed by spring. She also noted the Atlas of watershed-related documents (a component of the 9 Element Plan) was out for review.
- Lake Erie Beaches – Bill Boria said that water quality was good and relatively few beach closures were encountered during the summer.
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District – Although a representative from Soil & water did not attend today's meeting, Joe Galoti said the USF&W funded CSX culvert improvements on Chautauqua Creek were completed last month
- Sportfishing – Joe Galoti noted the NYSDEC had found a lot of small walleye during their recent Lake Erie fish survey, which indicated the population was reproducing well.

Old Business

- Local Watershed Redevelopment Plan – No update

New Business

- Addition of Bankowki and Muldowney to the LEMC – Chairman Borrello said Clerk of the Legislature - Cathy Tampio was drafting a resolution to add Legislators Bankowski and Muldowney to the LEMC.
- Bill Boria noted that the Village of Brocton incurred a fine from the NYSDEC for discharging filter backwash into Slippery Rock Creek. The Village and the County Health Department were working together to resolve the problem by improving the dewatering basins.

Summary of Actions Taken

- None

Schedule Next Meeting

- December 19th (3rd Monday) Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory, Portland, NY

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM by Chairman George Borrello.

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