



Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM Monday, March 19, 2018

Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Attendees: Z. Olow, Dunkirk Mayor Rosas, R. Yanus, D. McCoy, D. Richmond, B. Bankoski, K. Muldowney, M. Bills, J. Joy, L. Ehrhardt, J. Panasiewicz, C. Quadri, N. Aldrich

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Zen Olow.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Olow called for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was made by Doug Richmond and seconded by Joe Galati. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Expression: None

Chairman's Comments: Chairman Olow welcomed Dunkirk Mayor Willie Rosas. Mayor Rosas thanked the LEMC for the \$10,000 contribution to the City's Comprehensive Planning effort. Director of Development Rebecca Yanus said the Steering Committee will meet in April to discuss waterfront related initiatives.

Coordinator's Comments

- Dave McCoy stated that application period for the Chautauqua County 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes & Waterways Grant Program for 2019 would close on April 2nd.
- McCoy reported that the LEMC account currently had an unobligated balance of \$79,407.00.
- McCoy noted that County Executive Borrello, Legislator Pierre Chagnon and Steve Dye from NEXUS visited Washington DC on March 7, 8 & 9. The group discussed Harbor and flooding concerns with Congressmen Reed & Collins and with the staff of Senators Schumer and Gillibrand. They also met with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture and a representative from the National Association of Counties.
- Planning for 2018 Lake Erie Rally is ongoing said McCoy. The Northern Chautauqua County Conservation Club will host the event on June 16th. He asked the Commission for ideas for presentations. Joanna Panasiewicz suggested offering a Rain Barrel for a door prize would be a good thing to do (see attached information). The group discussed door prizes and Chairman Olow called for a motion to purchase a \$65 Rain Barrel and a \$50 Composter for the event. The motion was made by Bob Bankoski and seconded by Martha Bills. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- Planning for Great Lakes Experience event, June 6 in Dunkirk is also ongoing. The LEMC plans to have a table.



Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee :
 - Yard Waste Management Campaign (Completed Fall 2017)
 - Riparian Buffers Campaign (Spring 2018)
 - Plastics & Microplastics Brochure (done)
 - Pharmaceuticals Disposal Brochure (in progress)
 - Septic Systems Brochure (in progress)
 - Stream Process (Don't throw logs & trees in the creek)
 - Media outlets – Dunkirk Local Access, college radio
 - Professional production for videos and PSAs

Member/Partner Reports

- Joanna Panasiewicz updated the Commission regarding the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance. She noted that the NYSDEC had approved the sampling program for the Lake Erie Watershed Management Plan. She also noted that LEWPA has a traveling display that can be borrowed by members and discussed the possibility of taking the display to the Chautauqua County Fair.
- Lake Erie Beaches – No Report
- Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District – No Report
- The Sportfishing update was provided by Lance Ehrhardt. He provided a Tournament Schedule for distribution to interested agencies (see attached). He also reported on the construction of a new boat launch at New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on Cattaraugus Creek Harbor.
- Claire Quadri with the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy noted there was a Migratory Bird Watch scheduled for this Saturday in Dunkirk.

Old Business

- NCC Local Watershed Redevelopment Plan – Rebecca Yanus said the Advisory Committee had been busy with workshops.
- City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan – Yanus said the next meeting is likely to be in April
- Economic Impact Analysis of North County Harbors – No update
- Dunkirk Harbor Dredging & additional recreational dredging opportunities – No update

New Business

- Dave McCoy was invited to the NCC LWRP Advisory Board on 2/1/18. McCoy noted that the Advisory Board discussed LEMC having a role administering the LWRP and that he agreed to discuss the concept with the LEMC. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to keep an open mind and continue the discussion in the future.



Summary of Actions Taken

- The Commission discussed providing a \$1,000 contribution to help with expenses for the Washington DC Advocacy Trip. A motion was made by Joe Galoti and seconded by Martha Bills. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commission.
- The Commission discussed the upcoming Great Lakes Festival in Dunkirk and a motion was made by Chairman Olow to again contribute \$500 to help sponsor the event. The motion was seconded by Martha Bills and was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- The Commission discussed the Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club's June 9th Take a Kid Fishing event in Dunkirk and renewing the LEMC's contribution for 2018. Chairman Olow called for a motion to contribute \$500. The motion was made by Joe Galati and Seconded by Martha Bills. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Chairman Olow called for a motion to purchase a \$65 Rain Barrel and a \$50 Composter for door prizes the Lake Erie Rally Event. The motion was made by Bob Bankoski and seconded by Martha Bills. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Schedule Next Meeting

- May 21st (3rd Monday) would be the next meeting date at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory, Portland, NY

Adjourn: Chairman Olow adjourned the meeting and 10:45 am.