

Lake Erie Management Commission

Meeting Agenda

9:00 AM Monday September 29, 2014
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Borrello at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Public Expression

- None

Chairman's Comments

- Chairman Borrello noted the LEMC was represented at the Lake Rally on August 23. The event was well attended and generally positive.

Coordinator's comments

- See the attached update from Dave McCoy

Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee:
 - The group reviewed the draft Yard Waste Disposal brochure and suggested several edits. The group then discussed public service announcements on local radio stations. Chairman Borrello noted the LEMC would have approximately \$2000 to sponsor the effort and he will work with John Jablonski of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to have Public Service Announcements aired in the Dunkirk and Jamestown markets. The group agreed to send digital files of the brochure to the municipal clerks and environmental-related organizations (SUNY Fredonia Environmental Club & SAREP) to print and distribute as they wish. Doug Richmond offered a resolution authorizing the LEMC to contribute \$2000 toward the printing and PSAs. The motion was seconded by _____ and approved by the Commission.
 - The group reviewed the LEMC PowerPoint presentation and provided suggestions for updating the document. Dave McCoy will make revisions to the document for the next meeting.

Member/Partner Reports

- LEWPA
 - Joanna noted that she attended the Lake Erie Bi-National Forum. There was much discussion regarding blue-green algae and its

impacts on the health of the lake and municipal water supplies. They are looking for more participation from WNY.

- Chairman Borrello initiated a discussion regarding a resolution confirming Dave McCoy to the LEMC. Dave will draft the resolution.
- Joanna noted that the 2014 Lake Erie Watershed Survey had limited response from Chautauqua County communities. She provided additional copies of the survey for the group to distribute.
- Lake Erie Beaches
 - See the attached update from Bill Boria which summarizes the percentage of unsatisfactory water quality samples that have been collected and analyzed by CCHD from 2007 until the present.
 - Bill updated the group regarding the City of Dunkirk's efforts to investigate large storm sewers and that they hope to have a contractor on board to enter and film the existing conditions during October.
 - Bill also discussed the NYSDEC's progress with developing the Bear Lake TMDL. He noted the proposed TMDL for phosphorous was low because Bear Lake is classified as a Class A Waterbody because it is an alternate water supply for the Village of Brockton.
- Zen Olow
 - Zen inquired if the County has an inventory of perched culverts since they limit the ability of fish and other organisms to travel upstream. Joe Galoti noted that the NYSDEC has BMPs for culverts for protected streams on their website.

Old Business

- Dredging progress
 - Martha Bills noted that the Barcelona project was essentially complete. Dave McCoy added that the Hanover and Dunkirk projects would be delayed until next year and that the contractor had not been aggressively seeking to get those projects under contract.
 - Jacqueline Chiarot noted that the Water Resources Reform and Redevelopment Act (WRRDA) has passed both houses and it could potentially fund dredging of the Federal channel in Dunkirk Harbor.
 - Bill said that there is dredging equipment in the Northeast Harbor. Dave Spann added that the Northeast Harbor uses the equipment for littoral re-nourishment within the harbor itself.
- Chautauqua Creek Fish Ladder
 - Dave Spann said that the project was ready for construction in 2015 and the USF&W funding was in place.
- Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan
 - Dave Spann updated the group regarding the project.

New Business

- New York's Great lakes Basin – Interim Action Agenda
 - Dave McCoy explained that the IAA was an important document for the Commission to become familiar with as it will be a valuable resource when seeking grant funding in the future. The document was published by the NYSDEC and the New York Works program

Summary of Actions Taken

- Doug Richmond offered a resolution authorizing the LEMC to contribute \$2000 toward the printing and PSAs. The motion was seconded by _____ and approved by the Commission.

Schedule Next Meeting

- The next meeting was scheduled for October 20th at 9:00 am at the SUNY Fredonia Incubator in Dunkirk, NY

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