

Lake Erie Management Commission

Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM Monday, November 24, 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

- Chairman Borrello called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve was made by Zen Olow and seconded by Jim Joy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Expression

- None

Chairman's Comments

- Chairman Borrello communicated that he had received letters of support from Congressman Tom Reed and Congressman Chris Collins for dredging work on Cattaraugus Creek.
- Chairman Borrello asked the group if there were any objections to cancelling the December meeting due to the holidays. Hearing no objections, it was decided the next meeting would be on January 12, 2015.

Coordinator's Comments

- See the attached Watershed Coordinator's Update for November 21, 2014.

Committee Reports

- Education Sub-Committee
 - Yard Waste Brochure
 - Dave McCoy provided additional copies to those who were interested in taking them. About 150 remain available for distribution.
 - Joanna Panasiewicz noted that her office had printed and distributed a number of copies to the LEWPA and other agencies.
 - Yard Waste Public Service Announcement
 - The group agreed that the PSA was effective and discussed other ways to communicate water quality related information to the public.

Member/Partner Reports

- LEWPA
 - Joanna Panasiewicz noted that the LEWP meeting was rescheduled for December 9, 2014 and will be held in the Town of Brant at their municipal offices.
- Lake Erie Beaches
 - No report.

Old Business

- Dredging at Dunkirk and Hanover
 - Dave McCoy communicated that the dredging contractor was still negotiating with the USACE for the work performed in Barcelona Harbor and had demobilized from the site. He noted the contractor was interested in coming back to do the Hanover and Dunkirk projects, but has been slow to negotiate an agreement.
- Local Watershed Redevelopment Plan
 - Dave McCoy said the LWRP is in the data acquisition phase and the next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2014.

New Business

- Potential Grant Opportunities
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Request for Proposals for FY 2015 Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act – Due 12/15/14
 - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program – Due 2/2/15
 - Chautauqua County Lakes & Waterways 2% Grant Program – Announced in March with applications due on June 1
 - BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant Program – Due 1/15/15
- Dave Spann informed the group that the Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District was in line to receive approximately \$175,000 from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to fund water quality improvement projects on Broken Straw and Canadaway Creeks.
- Zen Olow noted the next Great lakes Experience event was scheduled for June 13, 2015 and the VIP fishing day is scheduled for August 5, 2015.
- The group discussed having an exhibit at the Chautauqua County Fair which is scheduled for the week of July 26th.

Summary of Actions Taken

- None

Schedule Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the LEMC will be on January 12th in Portland.

Adjourn

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