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WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Harbor Centre Marina
Boaters Lounge
821 Broughton Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081
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Thursday, September 25, 2014
10:00 AM

- I. Call to Order** by Mayor Larry McDonald at 10:15am
- II. Roll Call:** Mayor Larry MacDonal, Julie Kinzelman for Mayor John Dickert, Ed Eberle, Julia Noordyk for Jim Hurley, Kate Barrett for Steve Galerneau, Representative Thomas Weatherston, Sheri Walz, Sharon Cook
Others present: Mike Friis (WCMP), Kate Angel (WCMP), Todd Breiby (WCMP), Travis Olson (WCMP).

Absent: Ken Leinbach, Senator Wirch, Ervin Soulier, Patty Hoeft, William Schuster
- III. Approval of Agenda**

The Council approved the day's agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes (June 26, 2014)**

The Council approved the June 26, 2014 meeting minutes.
- V. Welcome** **Mayor Michael Vandersteen**, City of Sheboygan

Noted the importance of the waterfront and beaches to Sheboygan, which calls itself "Malibu of the Midwest" due to the popularity of surfing in the area. Highlighted the redevelopment project that resulted in the Blue Harbor Resort and the success of the AOC cleanup.
- VI. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.
- VII. Action Item: Coastal Management Council Meeting Dates**

Council approved the 2015 meeting dates of February 19 and September 24. The June meeting, which will conflict with a Mayors' meeting, will be scheduled after Staff complete a poll of Council members for an alternative date.

VIII. Reports

A. BLRPC Activities

Angela Pierce, Natural Resources Planner
Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

Reported on progress with beach health projects funded with Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funds. Twenty-three beaches received water quality testing, eleven completed redesign plans, 3 redesign plans were implemented. Bay-Lake RPC is assisting communities with hazard mitigation planning, including Oconto County, which is integrating climate change impacts/adaptation into its plan. Additional projects include testing for toxic algae in Green Bay, and planning for restoration of the swimming beach at Bay Beach park.

B. Coastal Storms Program

Julia Noordyk, Water Quality and Coastal Communities Specialist
UW Sea Grant Institute

Julia is one of two Coastal Storms Program contacts for the Great Lakes. Brent Schleck at Minnesota Sea Grant is the other contact. The Storms Program provides grants, technical assistance and outreach to raise awareness and plan for storm impacts. Three new grants fund Wisconsin projects addressing rip currents monitoring, beach hazard communications through National Weather Service announcements/forecasts, and a marina guide to storms.

C. Sheboygan Area of Concern

Stacy Hron, Milwaukee Estuary AOC Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources

Stacy is the former Sheboygan River AOC Coordinator, and oversaw the recently implemented major habitat and water quality projects. Stacy provided an overview of the AOC program, and progress in Wisconsin. The AOC Program originated in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in the 1980s. Progress was slow until the recent Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding targeted cleanup of contaminated sediments and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. Stacy described the major dredging and habitat restoration projects completed in the past two years along the Sheboygan River.

D. National Marine Sanctuary

John Broihahn, State Archaeologist
Wisconsin Historical Society

John provided an overview of the National Marine Sanctuary program and the proposed nomination of Wisconsin's central Lake Michigan as a new NMS. The proposed Sanctuary would protect and promote the preservation of maritime historical resources – mostly shipwrecks. The proposal has the active support of coastal communities from Two Rivers to Port Washington. After a nomination is submitted, there would be several years and another lengthy federal process before a Sanctuary could be designated.

E. Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Updates

Mike Friis, Manager
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Mike Friis and staff highlighted the written Program Updates for the meeting.

IX. Updates from Coastal Management Council

Shari Walz announced the hiring of a new Railroads and Harbors section chief, David Simon.

Julia Noordyk mentioned Wisconsin Sea Grant is in the final stages of hiring Assistant Directors for Research, and Outreach.

Larry MacDonald mentioned Bayfield is completing its waterfront trail, and is dealing with the effects of high water – a surprise after many years of low water. Larry also mentioned that summer tourism in Bayfield County is up.

Ed Eberle announced the current Wisconsin Coastal Management Program RFP.

Kate Barrett announced that Kevin Shafer, MMSD, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

Julie Kinzelman mentioned the status of the stormwater control and habitat restoration efforts at Samuel Myers Park in Racine.

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015