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WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Knutson Hall
620 Lake Street
Algoma, WI

Thursday, September 24, 2015
10:00 AM

- I. Call to Order** by Mayor Larry MacDonald, Chair, at 10:10 am
- II. Roll Call:** Mayor Larry MacDonald, Ed Eberle, David Hart for Jim Hurley, Steve Galarneau by phone, John Leiber for Representative Thomas Weatherston, Sharon Cook, Ken Leinbach by phone, Michael Finney for Patty Hoeft, Sheri Walz
Others Present: Michael Friis (WCMP), Kate Angel (WCMP), Todd Breiby (WCMP), Anne Iwata (WCMP), Travis Olson (WCMP),

Absent: Senator Robert Wirch, Mayor John Dickert, Bill Schuster and Ervin Soulier

- III. Approval of Agenda:** Moved and approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes (June 9, 2015):** Moved and approved.
- V. Welcome: Mayor Wayne Schmidt,** City of Algoma

Mayor Schmidt welcomed the Council and introduced from the City of Algoma Public Works Director Mike Decur, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Robertson, Alderperson Jan Mueller, City Administrator Jeff Wiswell, Friends of Crescent Beach volunteers John and Cathy Pabich.

Mayor Schmidt noted about Algoma: Known for its volunteers Richmond Park Main Street Harbor walk was built by volunteers, kite flying on beach, Von Steihl Winery, "friendly Algoma," the Flying Pig gallery and green space, Scaliwags for seafood, steaks and southern cooking, and Ahnapee microbrewery.

The Ebert Enterprises of Algoma has been selected to host the July 2017 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days (WFTD) in Kewaunee County.

There are plans for a new hotel and meeting complex in downtown.

- VI. Public Comments**

Patrick Robinson, co-director of the University of Wisconsin Environmental Resources Center and UW-Extension outreach specialist introduced himself.

VII. Action Item: 2016 Wisconsin Coastal Management Council Meeting Dates

Thursday February 18, 2016

Thursday June 9, 2016

Thursday September 22, 2016

Mike Friis mentioned the dates are subject to change and asked that Council members put the proposed dates on their calendars. Dates were moved and approved.

VIII. Reports

A. BLRPC Activities: **Angela Kowalzek-Adrians**, Natural Resources Planner, Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

Angela provided an update on the activities of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission. BLRPC has a new director, Cindy Wojtczak.

Bay Beach, established in 1892 as a private beach resort, was closed in 1942 due to significant pollution. There has been community interest in restoring Bay Beach and in 1988 plans were reviewed. Next steps include monitoring, analyzing water sampling test results, addressing pollutant concerns, developing and implementing a beach redesign plan. Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt has made restoring the beach to swimmable one of his top priorities.

Work continues on the regional comprehensive plan update, Oconto County hazards mitigation plan update, local zoning updates and phragmites control.

B. Shoreland Zoning Update: **Kay Lutze**, Shoreland Zoning Policy Coordinator, WI DNR

Kay reviewed the history of state shoreland zoning regulations. Act 55 changes counties' authority in development of shoreland ordinances. Counties' shoreland zoning ordinances can no longer be more restrictive than state standards. Counties have until October of 2016 to become consistent with state standards. Prior to Act 55 shoreland regulations were in place for 45 years. Kay reviewed what can and cannot be done at the local level. PowerPoint is available for reference. A study/paper was in the DNR Secretary's office for approval to release. Mike offered that Kate and the Coastal Hazards Work Group would work with Kaye. WCMP would also continue working with County Code Administrators.

C. Algoma's Crescent Beach: **Cathy Pabich**, Friends of Crescent Beach

Cathy told the story of how she and her husband John came to Algoma and are currently participating in the Friends of Crescent Beach.

The Friends of Crescent Beach is another Algoma volunteer effort supported by members of the community.

Formed in May of 2015, the mission of the Friends of Crescent Beach is to promote through advocacy, education and activities the improvement, support, protection and enjoyment of Crescent Beach. The vision is to see Crescent Beach transformed through government and

citizen cooperation into a vibrant, healthy destination beach that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and recognized as a model for best beach management practices. A clean beach without closures is a goal.

D. Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Updates: **Mike Friis**, Manager, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Mike and WCMP staff highlighted accomplishments from the written Program Updates.

IX. Updates from Coastal Management Council

Ed Eberle, Department of Administration, acknowledged the work of the WCMP staff in preparing for the council meetings, the skill set and level of education of the staff. He noted the hiring of Jim Giglierano as geographic information officer.

Michael Finney, Brown County/Oneida Nation, summarized the work of the Clean Bay Backers, the Citizen Advisory Committee to the WI DNR for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River AOC. The Backers represent the community's interest in restoring the natural and economic heritage of the area. Members are a diverse group representing public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

John Lieber, Representative Weatherston office, noted that the Legislature is back in session.

David Hart, UW Sea Grant, said that 12 to 15 research grants would be funded in the next month. Jane Harrison, UW Sea Grant's first social scientist left for North Carolina Sea Grant. UW is advertising to fill the position. There were 45 applicants. UW Sea Grant is participating in a University of Michigan Graham Institute-funded Great Lakes Water Levels Integrated Assessment. The Wisconsin project will focus on bluffs in Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties, investigating what water level changes can mean for four communities in the area. David prepared a pre-proposal to see if the project would be selected to move forward to the next phase.

Sheri Walz, Department of Transportation, reported that funding for the Harbor Assistance Program was restored to the \$15.5 million level. \$11.9 million was expended in assistance since the February council meeting to projects in Marinette, Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Sturgeon Bay, Milwaukee, and Kewaunee. Emergency funds went to La Crosse and Port Washington (sea wall).

The grant cycle will close August and approximately \$7M is available.

Increases in Great Lakes region cruising is a goal of the Council of Great Lakes Governors and Premiers.

Initial drafting of the Wisconsin Freight Plan began in April of 2015, and is anticipated to be completed by December of 2016.

Sharon Cook, City of Milwaukee, reported that the Commercial Ports Association met in Milwaukee. She is now working on the Sea Grant Advisory Board. Representing the WCMC and program, she will release a sturgeon on Saturday as part of Sturgeon Fest.

Mayor Larry MacDonald, City of Bayfield, discussed the proposed CAFO pig farm operation in Bayfield County. The City of Bayfield is looking at GLRI funding to implement additional phragmites control at the municipal treatment plant.

Ken Leinbach, Urban Ecology Center, noted educational programming in conjunction with Coastal Awareness Month through a grant from WCMP.

Algoma City Administrator Jeff Wiswell thanked everyone for coming. Algoma is starting stage 2 of its Army Corps of Engineers project looking at whether sediment is coming from the lake, river or both.

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: February18, 2016