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WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Wisconsin Maritime Museum
75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220
Thursday, February 16, 2017
10:00 AM

- I. **Call to Order** by Mayor Larry MacDonald, Chair, at 10:05 am
- II. **Roll Call:** Chair Larry MacDonald, Jim Hurley, Kris Canto (for Dave Simon), Greg Coulthurst (for Bill Schuster), Stamen Ivanov (for Representative Kitchens), Joseph Liebau (for Steve Galarneau), Ken Leinbach, Mike Friis (for Dawn Vick), Kate Angel (for Patricia Hoeft)

Others Present: Todd Breiby, Adam Bechle, Joe Dwyer, Lauren Leckwee

Absent: Ervin Soulier, Senator Wirch, Sharon Cook, Mayor Dickert

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved and approved
- IV. **Approval of Minutes (Sept. 22, 2016):** Moved and approved.
- V. **Welcome: Mayor Justin Nickels, City of Manitowoc**

Mayor Nickels welcomed the Council to the City of Manitowoc. The Mayor provided updates on the changing riverfront and lakefront over the next few years with a focus on the river corridor. Improvements are expected to attract business and industry. The City received a \$3.0 million grant for seawall. Mayor Nickels mentioned the role of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in the nomination of the National Marine Sanctuary, especially during the public comment period. Manitowoc is excited for the opportunities of having a Sanctuary.

Matt Kadow, Education Program Coordinator, Wisconsin Maritime Museum

Matt Kadow provided updates on the NOAA B-Wet program that trains teachers on watershed education for students and encourages teachers to take students into the field. Matt was looking forward to the March 14th National Marine Sanctuary meeting. Council provided opportunity to walk through the Wisconsin Underwater Treasures Exhibit at the Museum following the meeting.

- VI. **Public Comments:** Jason Ring, Manitowoc Area VCB, introduced himself to the Council and Audience. Also in the audience: Jennifer Garner (Senator Baldwin's office).
- VII. **Action Item: Report of the Project Selection Committee**
Mike introduced the report.
Recusals: Coulthurst/Schuster– 101, 305, 401, 507; Ivanov /Kitchens – 101, 305, 401, 507; Hurley – 411
Report moved to pass, seconded. Passed unanimously. Jim thanked the Coastal Program. Chair MacDonald thanked the Staff.

VIII. Reports

A. City of Manitowoc

Paul Braun, City Planner, talked about WCMP investments for community development in the City. The City has been trying to focus more on the river front but changing buildings from having the river at the backside to facing the river. He talked about the Mariners Trail being a highly successful system; coastal funds in the 1980s-90s for amenities and access. He talked about the increase in public access to the lake though the addition of public lots and greenspaces. Paul highlighted future plans for the City waterfront including seawall repair and enhancements to the commercial port. Mike added that the commercial ports plan was partially funded by WCMP; organizations work together with WCMP funding often acting as seed money.

B. Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Natural Resource Planner, updated the Council on how Coastal funding helps support coastal assistance activities. Additionally, monies help project and grant application development for grants from other organizations. BLRPC provides zoning and planning assistance, and hazard mitigation for Oconto county and the Oneida Nation. BLRPC works with counties to reduce beach closings. She works on Zoning Ordinance updates with counties and invasive plant work. They received a GLRI grant to treat 1,200 acres for invasive phragmites. In a separate, WCMP-funded project, BLRPC updated a regional comprehensive plan.

C. ASFPM/CSO Digital Coast Fellowship

Jake Thickman is working with the Association of State Floodplain Managers to help manage coastal hazards and risk by reviewing and evaluating existing federal and state coastal flood risk management policies, increasing collaborative management efforts in coastal areas, and investigating the development of a holistic framework for coastal management. The Coastal States Organization and several state coastal management programs will be a key partner in this effort. Mike mentioned that, when he was chair of Coastal States Organization, he helped ASFPM put the application together for Jake's position.

D. WI National Marine Sanctuary

Russ Green, Regional Coordinator, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, provided updates on the status of the Sanctuary nomination. There are 14 marine protected areas; tied to communities and resources. The EIS draft management plan was published last month (January) and is in the public comment period. NCOSS project will be doing 2 weeks of mapping using ROVs in May. Ken asked if it was possible that the Sanctuary will not be designated. Russ said it is possible depending on the changes in administration. Mike mentioned the State decides if they want to accept the Sanctuary.

E. Manitowoc Co. LiDAR

Cathy DeLain, GIS Coordinator, Manitowoc County, Jim Giglierano, Geographic Information Officer, Dept. of Administration, and Jerry Halverson, Director, Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department, presented on the LiDAR work happening in the coastal counties and across the state, and how LiDAR is being applied in Manitowoc County. Jim provided information on LiDAR and the importance of using the data for elevation mapping. The 3DEP grants funded by USGS are administered by the coastal program. The USGS grant includes Manitowoc, Douglas, and Bayfield Counties. Jerry provided examples of how Manitowoc County LiDAR data is applied to examining surface and groundwater runoff impacts.

F. Wisconsin Coastal Management Project Updates

Joe described his project using parcel data to update public access points. Adam talked about his fellowship and his work on the resiliency application. Lauren continues working with grantees

and the NOAA liaison. Mike said the Federal Evaluation will be the first week in June. Todd talked about his work on Lake Superior advisory board and the WI beaches working group, Clean Marina work, Coastal Storms project, and the watershed consortium. Kate gave an update on coastal hazards workgroup.

IX. Updates from Coastal Management Council

Larry MacDonald, Ferry to Madeline Island was still running and there will be no Ice caves this year. NOAA's survey on the WCMP will be received that day. Larry was going to be in Nicaragua for several weeks.

Greg Coulthurst, for Door County, working with the DNR, TNC, Ducks Unlimited on the Dunes Lake parking lot and organic sediment removal.

Jim Hurley, Feb 1 is the start of Sea Grant's Fiscal year. Received 84 proposals for next year with full proposals due in April. Sea Grant and Knauss fellows started. Jim had started his two-year term as Sea Grant Association President. Sea Grant reauthorization submitted.

Ken Leinbach, introduced his new book.

Joseph Liebau, National Reserves board will be coming to Milwaukee and will likely stop at the Inner Harbor.

X. New Business: None.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June, 2017, Date TBD