



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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**MINUTES**  
**WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Deland Community Center  
901 Broughton Drive  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
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Thursday, February 14, 2019  
9:30 AM

**I. Call to Order: 9:30AM**

**II. Roll Call:** Larry MacDonald, Terry White, Steve Galarneau, Chuck Wagner, Bill Schuster, Nate Olson (Wirch Proxy), Representative Kitchens, Dawn Vick, Julia Noordyk (Jim Hurley Proxy), Julie Kinzelman (Cory Mason Proxy)

Others present: Fred Schnook, Mike Vandersteen, Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Todd Breiby, Lauren Leckwee, Yi Liu, Adam Bechle, Kate Angel, Mike Friis, Autumn Linsmeier, Aaron Brault, Chad Pelishek, Amy Wilson

**III. Approval of Agenda: Moved and Approved**

**IV. Approval of Minutes (June 21, 2018; September 20, 2018):**

June – Approved  
September - Approved

**V. Welcome**

Mike Vandersteen welcomed the Council and thanked the Council and program for funding provided to the City to improve public access and recreational safety. Provided an update on the Marine Sanctuary. The Mayors are planning to meet with Governor Evers on renewing support for the Sanctuary. In the interim, the Mayors have embarked on a marketing campaign to promote Wisconsin's Shipwreck Preserve. City is planning to install a new tourism center and move the NOAA tool Science on the Sphere.

Chair MacDonald mentioned the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. Their annual meeting was planned for June 5-7 in Sheboygan.

**VI. Public Comments: None**

**VII. Action Item: Report of the Project Selection Committee**

Abstain: Chair MacDonald suggested that Council members write down their abstentions and share them with staff.

Comments: Staff did not make any changes that were not previously discussed at the PSC.  
Approved.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. Sheboygan County**

Aaron Brault, Director of Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation, spoke to the Council. He mentioned the Sheboygan River Ag Project, which has captured 1,200 lbs. of modeled phosphorus, and the Elkhart Lake Phosphorus reducing project. Sheboygan County has a tax levy that funds buffers.

Chuck asked about regulations with DNR and other agencies and what they need to have in place if a local farmer wanted to implement this type of improvement. Response: it depends if the project fits into a regulation or permit construct. It also depends on the funding source. DNR reviewed the County project

but no permits were needed for this project. Mike – are there any operation agreements that the landowners need to sign? Yes, there is an agreement for them to maintain the system with financial support.

County will install a tile system on the septic system for some properties on Elkhart Lake.

Amsterdam Dunes – County now owns the entire boundary and is actively working on restoration activities.

## **B. BLRPC**

Angela Kowalzek-Adrians gave updates for Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission. They recently completed the Twin River waterfront plan. Part of the project involved looking at public access points and including them on a story map. Chuck asked if there was any feedback on whether the public is using the Lake Michigan State Water Trail site. Angela said DNR maintains the site, so she isn't sure about the website numbers, but BLRPC gets a lot of information requests on it.

Anhapee River Trail – BLRPC is working on a concept plan.

Regionwide Bike and Pedestrian Plan – came from a previous WCMP grant that looked at/inventoried trails and connections between coastal cities. The project will look at gaps in the trails inventory. DOT funding has allowed them to expand the project to the entire region and inventory trail connections with all cities and towns.

BLRPC continues working on invasive species treatment with landowners and counties – specifically Kewaunee County. Initial work funded by GLRI. An upcoming WCMP grant will expand and build a foundation of invasive species work in Kewaunee County.

BLRPC is working with communities with GLRI funding through the NFS for planting trees to reduce runoff and the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Comprehensive plan updates in Sevastopol & Manitowoc County – address coastal hazards and climate resilience.

BLRPC is working on the Coastal Lakeshore Recreation Study project. The project is funded by WCMP.

BLRPC is working with several communities on green infrastructure code audits.

Growing interest in developing ArcGIS collector tools to help communities manage their data.

## **C. WCMP**

Staff provided comments on the written updates provided to the Council.

## **IX. Updates from Coastal Management Council**

Larry MacDonald – There is no ice road yet.

Dawn Vick – Prepared a transition document for the change in administration. Staff provided a list of committees that staff are on and chair. 2019 priority is to fill the staff vacancies. 2019 Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle planning has begun.

Julie Kinzelman– City of Racine is participating in the NOAA Coastal Resiliency Project on beaches and is the recipient of two grants. Local municipal ordinance review for the Resiliency Project. Also looking at parcel mapping to get a sense of ownership. Mike suggested connecting Julie with Joe Dwyer's parcel mapping work. City has money from the Forest Service to treat and manage invasive species and conduct wetland restorations.

Julia Noordyk – Sea Grant is reviewing pre-proposals. 4-year site review for standards and performance is coming up. March 19<sup>th</sup> reception in the evening. Open to anyone wanting to learn more about the program and provide input.

Joel Kitchens – will serve on the task force on clean water forum. DNR and Joel formed a workgroup on nitrates which also includes conservation and ag groups. Goal is to develop solutions that are financially possible for local landowners and communities.

## **X. New Business: None**

## **XI. Adjournment: 11:35**