



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor  
Joel Brennan, Secretary  
Dawn Vick, Division Administrator

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**AGENDA**

**WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

AmericInn by Wyndham Conference Center  
3009 Lake Shore Drive E  
Ashland, WI 54806  
715-682-9950  
Thursday, June 20, 2019  
12:00 PM

**I. Call to Order: 12:09 pm**

**II. Roll Call:** Larry MacDonald, Dawn Vick, Bill Schuster, Jim Hurley, Sharon Cook, Ken Leinbach, Chuck Wagner, Mayor Cory Mason, Nate Olson (Senator Robert Wirsch proxy), Paulette Kozar (Representative Kitchens proxy), Michael Childers and Connie Antonuk (Steve Galarneau proxy)

**Others present:** Secretary Joel Brennan, Brian Vigue, Mike Friis, Kate Angel, Todd Breiby, Lauren Leckwee, Jim Giglierano, Elizabeth Mountz, Mike Molnar, Sara Hudson, Jason Laumann and Kyle Magyera.

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes (February 14, 2019):** Michael Childers abstained from voting. Moved and approved.

**V. Welcome**

Sara Hudson welcomed the Council and thanked the Council and Program for continued funding and support of projects in Ashland. Sara provided an update on the Ore Dock project and how important it is to the community.

DOA Secretary, Joel Brennan, thanked the Council for the work they do. The Council plays a huge role in the work that makes Wisconsin special.

**VI. Public Comments:** Mike Molnar introduced himself and the Coastal States Organization.

**VII. Action Item: Coastal Management Grant Priorities**

Discussion about the changes in the application materials. Small changes were made to facilitate processing by staff and to reduce staff time required for reporting.

Dawn asked if program will give points for green infrastructure/sustainable building. Mason asked if there are standards to measure sustainable buildings (such as LEED certification). Mike responded that the Program relies on our partners to review, assess and provide input on the proposed projects. So WCMP encourages the applicant to have conversations with staff before the application is due.

**VIII. Reports**

**B. Wisconsin Wetlands Association**

Kyle Magyera, Local Government Outreach Specialist, presented on exploring the relationship between wetland condition and flood hazard. The Lake Superior region has been impacted by catastrophic storms. There is a lack of local funding available making it very difficult to build a resilient community. Kyle discussed flood risks and the connection and role of wetlands on the landscape. Lake Superior is a fragile system which has been impacted by recent flood and extreme rain events, as well as historic landscape changes. Data gaps exist and results in incomplete stories about the condition of the Potentially Restorable Wetlands. Many smaller communities that are facing the greatest impact from aging infrastructure do not have the financial means to make improvements or repairs.

Kyle provided an overview of current and recent projects:

- o Little Plover River Watershed
- o Mequon Preservation Partners
- o Driftless Region -Iowa County
- o Lake Superior Collaborative – WCMP funded
- o Wetland Education Videos – WCMP funded

### **C. Project of Special Merit**

Jim Giglierano, Geographic Information Officer, presented on the Project of Special Merit. Jim shared updates on the current status of the project and the hiring of the outreach and research specialists in partnership with the State Cartographer's Office. Additional updates included the development of the community of practice, the fall culvert workshop, and the development of the cloud-based geospatial framework.

### **D. Review of 312 Evaluation**

Elizabeth Mountz, Coastal Management Specialist NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, provided an update on the recent, 2008-2017 evaluation of WCMP. One finding of NOAA was that WCMP work serves as a foundation or catalyst for larger projects. For example, WCMP funding for planning work at Wisconsin Point led to a much larger GLRI-funded project. Liz also highlighted WCMP's role in creating the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, hazards work (such as rip currents, the Coastal Hazards Work Group, bluff stabilization work), work with underrepresented communities (especially in Menomonee Valley and with tribal partners), public access work on brownfields, and land acquisitions through the Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program.

There were no necessary actions. Recommendations of the review included: WCMP continue to work to find external funding, continue to work on coastal hazards, continue to reach out and work with under-served communities, work to fully staff the program, continue to work on project completion, and that DOA update its MOU with DNR and work on shared management priorities.

Sharon asked if there were comments or recommendations about the relationship between the council and the program. Liz said no because it didn't come up as something that was an issue when they sent out the pre-review survey. Mayor Mason requested recommendations about funding existing staff positions and continuing to fund them (example, DNR & RPCs). Liz explained there are some programs that focus resources on permitting and regulatory functions, but those programs are within the coastal program. Then there are some that are more of a networked program where other partners and agencies take control of these functions. WCMP is a networked program. There is no recommended approach for a program to take, it depends on how the program was originally set up.

### **E. Wisconsin Coastal Management Program**

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

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### **A. Updates from NWRPC**

Jason Laumann presented on Northwestern Regional Planning Commission's recent activities. NWRPC has been heavily involved in responding to 2016 and 2018 flooding events in northern Wisconsin. Jason still gets calls about recovering from the 2016 flooding. Jason went over a flood study that NWRPC conducted that included a 5-step process using Hazus modelling. It is available on NWRPC's website.

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

Bill – due to high lake levels, residents are increasingly interested in placing stone/riprap. He is trying to convince them not to.

Sharon – 2 things have come back to MKE. 1. A cruise ship and 2. Beavers. Would like to see Adam Schlicht from Port Milwaukee at a meeting.

Connie – New program for property assessment and clean energy estimates. Had a roundtable on this program in Fitchburg. Connie will get the name of it.

Jim – Federal funding for Sea Grant was zeroed out by the Administration for the third year in a row. Sea Grant is really getting involved in aquaculture. Sea Grant had a review in March. Preliminary draft report came back and Sea Grant was recertified for another 4 years. Groundwater Coordinating Council is having a meeting with the joint task force on water quality. Sea Grant recently had three new hires, including Adam Bechle.

Larry – attended the St. Louis River Summit.

Cory – City of Racine proposed a bill to amend the lake bed grant.

Ken – Different cities from around the world are studying the model of the UEC.

Chuck – Water well testing study results will be presented in Kewaunee county. Breakfast on the farm this year was held at Kincaid Farm. They had over 5800 people there.

Paulette Kozar – Kitchens presented in a hearing on Assembly Bill 113 which would create a system for buying and selling water pollution credits through a clearinghouse.

**G. New Business:** None

**H. Adjournment:** 2:42PM