



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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MINUTES

WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Racine Civic Center – Festival Hall Green Room

5 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Racine, WI 53403

262-636-9229

Thursday, September 26, 2019

10:00 AM

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call:** Chuck Wagner, Jim Hurley, Michael Childers, Sharon Cook, Bill Schuster, Cory Mason, Larry MacDonald, Dawn Vick, Paula Maguire (Senator Wirch Proxy), Madeline Magee (Galarneau Proxy), Mike Halsted, Rep. Joel Kitchens

Others present: Dan Carter, Julie Kinzelman, Adrian Koski, Cara Pratt, Kate Angel, Adam Arend, Emma Cutler, Dave Mickelson, Todd Breiby, Lauren Leckwee, Mike Friis.

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes (June 20, 2019):** Staff will change the heading of the minutes and fix the typo of “Kincaid” Farms to Kinnard Farms. Moved and approved.

**V. Welcome**

Mayor Cory Mason introduced Cara Pratt, the City’s new Sustainability Coordinator. City would like to expand Festival Hall into more convention space which brings in the question of lakebed and lakebed fill.

The City asked the legislature of an adjustment to its lakebed grant. Mayor Mason discussed lakebed grants and development issues that the City is facing

Bill: Asked about the Character/Image of the City of Racine and if it is being considered by the City during this redevelopment planning. Mason: some developers do a better job of the building “fitting in” than others. 40 years ago, this space was coal piles.

Kitchens: there needs to be a bipartisan solution to this redevelopment. Possible to apply to DNR in the public interest – pressure the DNR to come up with a solution to this issue – which is all up and down the coast. Not talking about NEW fill, but what can a City do with a lakebed grant that is 100+ years old.

Mike: Looking at the development comprehensively, the projects should be resilient.

**VI. Public Comments:** None

**VII. Action Item: 2020 Wisconsin Coastal Management Council Meeting Dates**

February 13, 2020; June 18, 2020; September 24, 2020

Chair Larry MacDonald confirmed the suggested dates. Dates approved.

**VIII. Reports**

- A. Dan Carter provided an update to the Council on the work of SEWRPC. Current Projects include work at the Oak Creek watershed and Schlitz Audubon. SEWRPC is updating the regional natural areas plan with changes to site inventory to incorporate new sites and changes in quality, developing site profiles, re-engaging local partners. Assessment at Clay Banks in Port Washington. Environmental assessment at North Beach Dune in Racine. Provided updates on some new occurrences of native species at the restored sites and some invasive species in some urban areas.
- B. Julie Kinzelman thanked the Council for coming to Racine. Julie and Adrian Koski provided a history of beach work in Racine County and gave an update on the Coastal Resilience grants received from WCMP: 1) *Understanding Coastal*

*Hazard Impacts through Parcel Mapping, Shoreline Classification, Public Outreach and Local Ordinance Review; and 2) Assess, Revise and/or Develop Beach Management Plans for WDNR Designated Public Beaches in Racine County.* The City of Racine, in its planning and engineering plan development efforts, is incorporating climate change, lake levels and storm events. The Coastal Resilience grants provide an opportunity to assist with building coastal resiliency.

- C. Dave Mickelson provided an update on oblique photos along Lake Michigan coastline, updates and analysis. Shared images by county from Kenosha to Kewaunee looking at slumping and bluff erosion, and looking at changes between 2007 to 2018.
- D. Wisconsin Coastal Management Program – staff provided supplemental information to the written Program Updates.

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

Chuck Wagner: Kewaunee County Bay coast situation – Red River County Park needs a new boat launch or dock. Corps of Engineers may be a hurdle to completing this project. Chuck needs more info on who to contact at the Corps. Lots of flooding this year that shut down the municipal boat launch and parking lot. Several businesses there are closed due to flooding.

Jim Hurley: Announcing project winners from the research project proposals. Good response to Lake Michigan issues. New hires – Adam Bechle (Coastal Engineering Outreach Specialist), Natalie Chin (Tourism and Climate Change Outreach Specialist), and Bonnie Wilson (Multimedia Specialist).

Michael Childers: Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA), third summit is on Mackinaw Island. Received a grant from the MOTT Foundation to help build the voice of the Island communities to tell the story of island life.

Sharon Cook: Milwaukee Port Annual Report has been released. A new development at the end of Greenfield Avenue was completed with a kayak launch and view tower.

Bill Schuster: shoreline controversy. Sturgeon Bay has a historic quarry and the upper area of the quarry was proposed to turn into a high-end camper community. Land is private but has been offered to public entities.

Cory Mason: Thanks everyone for being here today. Racine is doing a lot of work around Smart City Design.

Larry MacDonald: Water levels are still high on Lake Superior. Attended ribbon cutting event at Wisconsin Point.

Dawn Vick: we have spent much of the summer trying to build the program profile with the new administration. Thanked staff.

Joel Kitchens: highlights issues that Cory talked about with the public trust issues and land use/development. Water quality task force should produce some good legislation. Important bill coming out on the pollution trading credit (only applicable within a watershed) that sets up a credit clearing house to buy credits which would have a greater impact of phosphorous inputs with less money. Water Policy Summit is on November 1 and geared towards leaders.

Madeline Magee: Adam Bechle is preparing a water level meeting. DNR will have someone there to talk about revetment structures. DNR is working on a project at the Kenosha Dunes site to review the modeling and monitoring of phase 1 for that project. This spring, the DNR as part of WICCI is preparing a climate adaptation workshop for Lake Superior.

Mike Halsted: with DOT for 4 months. 28 years as a water management specialist for DNR. Now administers the harbor assistance program. Received \$45 million in the Governor's budget. \$29 million went to a shipbuilder in Marinette. \$16 million to use over 2 years to fund harbor assistance requests.

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

## **XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm**

Site Visits: Samuel Myers Park and Pershing Park tour