

Minutes of the
Michigan State Waterways Commission
August 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Michigan State Waterways Commission (MSWC) was called to order by Commissioner and Chair, Gary Marowske at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, August 15, 2014, at the Harbor Springs City Hall, 160 Zoll St., Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740.

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Nicki Polan
Commissioner Alex Declercq
Commissioner/Chair Gary Marowske
Commissioner Ward Walstrom
Special Consultant RJ Petersen

The following Commissioners were not present:

Commissioner Dennis Nickels
Commissioner Dennis Grinold
Commissioner James Hansen

The following staff from the Department of Natural Resources were present:

Chief Ronald A. Olson
Jason Fleming
Bill Boik
Paul Petersen
Jordan Byelich
Jackie Blodgett
Vicki Anthes
Darlene Moore

Chair Gary Marowske opened the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting at 8:30 a.m., August 15, 2014.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC APPEARANCE

A. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence.

B. Appearances (Non-agenda items)

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the June 5, 2014 Minutes.

MOTION: Chair Gary Marowske asked for a motion to move to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2014 Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting. The motion was put into place by Commissioner Al Declercq and was seconded by Commissioner Ward Walstrom. It carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. Resolutions to support the Great Lakes, HR 305 and HCR 22 Concurrent Resolutions to Urge Complete Hydrologic Separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins. The motion for approval of the letter for HR 305 and HCR 22 was given by Commissioner Ward Walstrom. Commissioner Nicki Polan seconded. It carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. Approval of the 2015 Capital Outlay Budget. A resolution to recommend the 2015 Plan with Commissioner Al Declercq making a motion for a vote. Special consultant, R.J. Peterson seconded it. It carried unanimously, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Public comment was given by *James Hevey from Rhenstone Corporation, Charlevoix, MI* and *Adam Smith, Manager, Village of Mackinaw City.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Waterways Program Statewide Workshop Update – Bill Boik, Programs and Grant Units Manager. 3 workshops were completed in June and 1 workshop in July. Bad weather for 3 out of 4 meetings may have contributed to low turnout of attendees. Seminars were very well received. Comments from the attendees was positive and appreciated. Participants included mayors, harbor masters, consultants and even individuals from other communities that had an interest.

Pere Marquette (City of Ludington) Lake Bayou Preliminary Engineering Study Update – Bill Boik, Programs and Grant Units Manager. A meeting was held in Ludington with to discuss the engineer's findings from the study. The cost to do the boat launch was \$419,000 with an estimate of \$1.6 million to dredge the entire basin down to 7 feet. The city boat launch is only 10 feet and does not meet the states standards for participation or assistance unless they had adequate frontage. Our participation would be for the boat launch and the channel. If the City chose to go the \$1.6 million dollar route, our participation would only be the \$419,000 toward the boat launch. The City Manager talked to DEQ regarding clean-up of the contaminated sediment through the

Strategic Water Quality Initiative Fund. The committee decided to pursue that route at this time and will petition DEQ for that funding.

Cross Village – Harbor of Refuge -Jordan Byelich, Waterways Development Program Manager. Cross Village is the last gap in the Harbor of Refuge system. It has been identified as a harbor of need for years. However, because of endangered species and community resistance it has not been developed. There is \$35,000 that has been budgeted to do a preliminary study in that area. It would not be a fully developed facility but would consist of a break wall type structure up near the Wilderness Park area.

Kawkawkin River Project Update – Paul Petersen, Waterways Grant Program Manager. This was discussed at the last waterways meeting that it was added to our budget list. It is general fund money that will be used to make the Kawkawkin River more navigable based on the concerns of the local communities. If it is dredging that may be needed, that does fall into our budget area. The DNR is working currently with Bangor Township for a grant to dredge the Kawkawkin River at the mouth of Saginaw Bay.

Operations Update – Jason Fleming, Resource Management Chief
In April we had a gentleman by the name of Jack McCauley attend the Waterways Meeting and brought forth his concerns about drowning's occurring in manmade holes in the Houghton Lake area. He came to the Waterways requesting assistance with this matter. Anna Sylvester took the lead and offered to work with him. She stated that resolution would include the educating the public of the dangers in the area Mr. MacCauley was willing to work with her and agreed letting people know about the manholes was important.

Harbor Nights – Jason presented the Commission a two page summary of the number of current reservations and the reservation system itself. He explained some issues that are occurring. It involves numbers in reports that are being arrived at and not sure how they came to be. They need to be addressed for a more accurate report and are being looked at. Jason reported that they have adhoc when it comes to reports from the system and after Labor Day they will be able to pull any type of report is needed. Ron Olson suggested to Commissioners that if they would like to pull “specifics” on a report to email Jason with their request.

Changes to Camis – Currently working on gathering information for inventory purposes in a timely manner. When someone is in the Camis system, you are not aware of the cost of a slip until checkout. Would like to see the costs as you move along through the reservation not wait until the end. Once you implement the size of the boat you have, the system will let you know whether a slip is available or not. If not, we want the system to tell you to call the Harbormaster for further information. We want to make sure that they have that option and not assume there is no space because the system said so. There may be another opportunity to put your boat at that location by talking to them.

Presentation by Rich Hill, Keith Cheli and Dave Stempky on an overview of their district with a slide presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Waterway Commission Meeting: December 5, 2014 in Lansing, Michigan at Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing MI 48933.

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