



## **MICHIGAN STATE WATERWAYS COMMISSION**

February 17, 2017

Detroit, Michigan

### **PRESENT FOR THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION**

Commissioner, Chair, Gary Marowske  
Commissioner, Vice Chair, Alex Declercq  
Commissioner, James Hansen  
Commissioner, Ward Walstrom  
Commissioner, Nicki Polan

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Olson, DNR  
Jordan Byelich, DNR  
Paul Petersen, DNR  
Linnae Dawson, DNR  
Vicki McGhee, DNR  
Scott Pratt, DNR  
Renee Parker, DNR

### **NOT PRESENT**

Commissioner, Denny Grinold  
Commissioner, Dennis Nickels  
Maia Turek, DNR  
Jacklin Blodgett, DNR  
Anna Sylvester, DNR  
Jason Fleming, DNR  
Michelle Wieber, DNR



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**OPENING COMMENTS**

Chair Gary Marowske called the meeting to order at 10:27a.m., February 17, 2017. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

**Written Correspondence:** A written correspondence is included in the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting packet submitted by Christopher West, Harbor Manager of the Mackinaw City Municipal Marina. Christopher wrote regarding a request from a charter fishing vessel for a seasonal slip for the 2017 season.

**Appearances:** Captain Norm Bauman. Norm spoke to the Commission, stating his liking to Straits State Harbor. Norm stated he is trying to get a seasonal slip at Straits vs Mackinaw City Municipal Marina due to the location, and for peace and quiet. Recreational Harbor Coordinator, Linnae Dawson will discuss the situation with Norm and see what kind of outcome can be agreed upon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Chair Gary Marowske asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2016 Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting. The motion was put into place by Commissioner Jim Hansen and was seconded by Commissioner Al Declercq. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** Jim Hansen asked for a motion for approval of information supporting resolutions regarding Marquette rate variances, broadside docking in Mackinac City, and for emergency vessel slip use at Mackinac Island State Harbor. Ward Walstrom seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Formal resolutions will be presented at the April meeting.



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE UPDATE**

Topics were reviewed during the work session. Any supporting documents can be found in the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting packet.

### **MARKETING UPDATE**

Topics were reviewed during the work session. Any supporting documents can be found in the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting packet.

### **WAYS AND MEANS UPDATE**

Topics were reviewed during the work session. Any supporting documents can be found in the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting packet.

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

Topics were reviewed during the work session. Any supporting documents can be found in the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting packet.

### **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

No updated to provide at this time.

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

**Vicki McGhee** spoke to the Commission on the Draft Strategic Plan that was sent to the Michigan State Waterways Commission, among other advisory committees, asking for review and feedback via a survey. The requested feedback is based on 8 goals, which have multiple objectives and strategies for each. The Strategic Plan is expected to be completed by June, 2017 for implementation.

## **INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS**

**Linnae Dawson** reported a CAMIS system update. Harbor reservations for the month of January are up 30% compared to last January. The next reservation system update is expected to be deployed by mid-March.



## **PROJECT UPDATES**

**Jordan Byelich** updated the commission on the East Tawas State Harbor project. This project is expected to be completed by the later part of May, 2017. The seawall, dredging, and backfill are all completed at this time, and utility areas have been prepped. This project includes primarily dredging, sheet piling, and dock installation. Another project, over in Cheboygan County is the Jewell Road Boating Access Site. The bidding process will take place soon, with construction to follow. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. Lastly, we are going through a study and conceptual design for the Torch Lake West Boating Access Site, situated along the west side of Torch Lake in Antrim County. A consultant has been hired and assessing the site specifications and zoning ordinances will be the next steps.

**Paul Petersen** gave an update on what he learned by attending the International Marine & Boatyard Conference last month in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Paul prepared a list of questions and spoke to numerous vendors regarding various floating piers. Jordan and Paul have created a spreadsheet that's in draft form currently, to do dock comparisons- comparing warranties, materials, products, and life expectancy, etc. These comparisons are expected to be done prior to the April meeting, in which Jordan and Paul will update the Commission. Other updates include a delay in the Naubinway project. The re-bidding process has begun, as the former licensed engineer working on this project unexpectedly passed away in December. A company out of Alpena could potentially take over this project. Lastly, progress has been made, underway with the designs and new piers at the Munising Bayshore Marina.

## **GREAT LAKES WATER LEVEL REPORT**

The US Army Corps of Engineers – Detroit District Great Lakes water level outlook was included in each commissioner's meeting packet for their information.

## **OTHER**

No updates to provide at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**The next Michigan State Waterways Commission Meeting: Saugatuck, April 27/28, 2017**