

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays Office
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

March 30, 2012

APPROVED JUNE 22, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Board Members Present</i>	<i>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</i>
Rick Eakle (<i>Chair</i>)	E.J. Chalabala
Dr. Bill McGowan (<i>Vice-chair</i>)	Chris Bason
Joanne Cabry (<i>Treasurer</i>)	Sally Boswell
Gordon Wood (<i>SCAT</i>)	Jenn Jones
Robert Collins (<i>CAC</i>)	Loretta Smith
	Roy Miller
<i>Board Alternates Present</i>	Eric Buehl
Frank Piorko (<i>DNREC</i>)	
	<i>Other Attendees</i>
<i>Board Members Absent</i>	Melissa Steele (<i>Cape Gazette</i>)
Secretary Collin O'Mara (<i>DNREC</i>)	Josh Thompson (<i>Public</i>)
Todd Lawson (<i>Sussex County</i>)	Ed Lewandowski (<i>UD Seagrant</i>)
Secretary Ed Kee (<i>DDA</i>)	Rob Robinson (<i>Public</i>)
Dr. Bill Ullman (<i>STAC Chair</i>)	Chris Clarke (<i>Public</i>)
Hal Godwin (<i>Sussex County</i>)	Molly Murray (<i>News Journal</i>)
	Monica Scott (<i>Coastal Point</i>)
<i>EPA Representatives</i>	Paul Sample (<i>Public</i>)
Ed Ambrogio	
Sue McDowell	
<i>DNREC Representatives</i>	
Debbie Rouse	
Michael Bott	

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Motion by J. Cabry to approve the minutes of the DEC 16 meeting of the Board of Directors as written; seconded by B. McGowan. Passed unanimously.
2. Motion by B. McGowan to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by R. Eakle. Passed unanimously.
3. Motion by J. Cabry to accept the nomination of Robert Collins as the interim CAC Chair; seconded by B. McGowan. Passed unanimously.
4. Motion by J. Cabry to adjourn; seconded by G. Wood. Passed unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman R. Eakle called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Meeting participants were asked to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes

R. Eakle asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the DEC 16 Board Meeting included in the Board packet. J. Cabry made a motion to approve the minutes. B. McGowan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/2011 Audit Report

J. Cabry asked the Board to refer to the Board budget summary for the Treasurer's Report. J. Cabry requested a motion to accept the budget summary. B. McGowan made a motion to accept. R. Eakle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Cabry reported that the 2011 federal audit revealed one finding of significant deficiency reported to the EPA. The finding was that the Center's timesheets did not reflect actual hours worked according to federal grant guidelines. The Executive Director has prepared a new timesheet in line with the grant requirements and has submitted it to the EPA. R. Eakle asked for any questions and hearing none moved on to the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

C. Bason provided the CAC report. After the resignation of the CAC Chair in December, the CAC Planning Committee and Executive Committee held a workshop on JAN 10. The result of the workshop was to schedule another workshop with the full CAC and the

Executive Committee. That workshop was held on MAR 26 with good attendance and was successful in establishing a communications and leadership plan for the CAC. The next regular CAC meeting is scheduled for APR 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the CIB. The agenda will include a discussion of Board-CAC communications strategies, a review of the previous CAC chair's progress and agenda, and a review of staff projects.

R. Eakle notified the Board that Robert Collins had agreed to serve as the interim CAC Chair for a period no more than six months or until a regular CAC Chair can be elected. R. Eakle requested a motion from the Board to accept R. Collins as the interim CAC Chair. J. Cabry motioned, and B. McGowan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. R. Collins took his seat on the Board.

Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

No report was provided as neither the STAC Chair nor alternate were present.

R. Eakle announced the STAC nominations for presiding officers to the Board. The nominations for Chair were Robin Tyler of DNREC and Scott Andres of the Delaware Geologic Survey. R. Eakle opened the floor for discussion regarding the nominations. R. Eakle expressed a concern that a DNREC employee serving on the same Board as his employer had in the past resulted in many abstentions from the vote. Ed Ambrogio indicated that such a situation was unfortunate in that it could result in loss of a vote. J. Cabry remarked that resulting recuses could diminish the power of the vote. R. Eakle clarified that the situation was not unique to DNREC but could apply to a DDA or USEPA employee that might serve on the Board. G. Wood remarked that it was a bad idea. The Board agreed to send the nominations back to the STAC for consideration via the notification of the Board Chair.

Executive Committee Update

R. Eakle referred the Board to the notes provided from the most recent Executive Committee meeting in the Board package.

Water Use Plan Implementation Committee Update

C. Bason reported that WUPIC's Inland Bays crab pot pickup on January 29 collected over 70 abandoned pots. The Inland Bays Cleanup is scheduled for June 23rd and the Board was invited to participate. The WUPIC continues to pursue funding for improving waterway management and will focus on the removal of navigational hazards. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for MAY 01.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sussex County

No report was given because no County representative was present.

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

F. Piorko provided the DNREC report. DNREC is communicating with State legislators and DE's Congressional delegation to clarify responsibilities for waterway management between the State and the USACE. DNREC is going to purchase \$20,000 of new markers for Massey's Ditch and Baker's Channel. DNREC is receiving considerable comments on navigation near Massey's. He remarked that he is hopeful that the Massey's beneficial reuse project will move forward.

NRCS must rescind funds from its existing budget which impacts the federal allocation to the Sussex Conservation District by over one half million dollars in cover crop cost share alone.

DNREC continues to work with the Clean Water Advisory Council on the use of State Revolving Funds for non-traditional water quality projects allowable under Section 320 of the CWA.

Delaware Department of Agriculture

C. Bason provided the written report from Sec. Kee. The Nutrient Management Program's Annual Report is now available online. One hundred percent of Delaware croplands and nutrient applied lands have an operational Nutrient Mgt. Plan. Three-hundred and seventy Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Permits have been issued, primarily to poultry producers. Over 50% have been inspected for compliance. Over 6,000 tons over poultry manure were relocated from the Inland Bays watershed.

DDA has two new staff members in the Nutrient Mgt. program, bringing the total staff 6.5 full time employees dedicated to managing the Nutrient Management Program and the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Program.

Sussex Conservation District

B. McGowan reported that the Stormwater Management Program has 12 sediment and stormwater plans approved in the Inland Bays watershed in the last quarter. The District held a drainage tour for elected officials in the Inland Bays Watershed. Drainage continues to be an important issue for the community.

One point three million dollars have been rescinded from the NRCS, 750,000 had been appropriated for use in the Chesapeake Bay watershed for hardscape structures for poultry homes. Funds to the Conservation District from the EPA's 319 program will be

reduced by 20%. These are not administrative funds but direct project funds. The Conservation Districts are deliberating on how to deal with the cuts.

Sussex County Association of Towns

Gordon Wood reported that at a recent SCAT meeting one member of SCAT remarked on the importance of CIB remaining neutral and sticking to providing data on issues.

R. Eakle questioned if there was any specific subject G. Wood was referring to. G. Wood replied wastewater treatment facilities.

R. Eakle announced, per the agenda's item under Old Business, that DNREC agreed, via a letter, with the opinion of the CIB that the Wandendale Wastewater Treatment Facility proposal to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund was not consistent with the Inland Bays CCMP.

Environmental Protection Agency

E. Ambrogio reported that EPA was entertaining waiver requests for 319 program dollars to allow maintenance of base program (non-grant) funding.

He gave an update on the Nation Ocean Policy.

He reported that a MOA between federal and state agencies was developed to streamline the permitting process to allow wind for the Great Lakes area.

In mid-April there is an alliance meeting for the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE) to select the next five or ten major projects for restoration. R. Eakle requested that staff be made aware of the meeting time and date.

Sue McDowell reported that the EPA is interested in more information from NEPs on project successes. Sue requested that if EPA Headquarters requests project information from individual NEPs the regions should be notified.

She reported that CIB and the PDE gave interesting presentations on the potential for the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund program to fund water quality projects.

She reported that the regional raingarden campaign was one of the EPA's National Water Program's best practices for 2011.

The EPA all states water program meeting between Region III and Headquarters will be in Rehoboth on May 8 and 9.

General Assembly Updates

House

J. Cabry reported that no bill is introduced that directly relates to the Center. The Center remains a line in DNREC's budget.

Senate

R. Eakle had nothing to report from the Senate.

OLD BUSINESS

No other old business was undertaken.

NEW BUSINESS

New CIB Employees

C. Bason introduced Robert Collins as the Center's part time Property Manager. He then introduced Bart Wilson as the new Science Coordinator.

CCMP Update

Roy Miller presented the most current version of the CCMP update. Discussion followed. S. McDowell requested that a summary of completed actions be included. F. Piorko commented that the update was much needed. G. Wood asked how much consideration had been given to eroding shorelines. R. Miller replied that multiple action items addressed this. G. Wood remarked on the effects of dredging on White's Creek. R. Eakle requested that the document receive signatures of all Board Members upon completion. R. Eakle granted permission to proceed with the public input process.

OYSTER AQUACULTURE

Results of the Oyster Aquaculture Workshop

E. Lewandowski and E.J. Chalabala presented the results of the JUNE 2011 CIB-Seagrant Workshop on Oyster Aquaculture.

Results of the Inland Bays Shellfish Survey

M. Bott presented the results of the Inland Bays Shellfish Survey of Rehoboth and Indian River Bay. C. Bason complimented the efforts of M. Bott and E.J. Chalabala. F. Piorko complimented the economic potential of oyster aquaculture in the Bays.

R. Eakle read a written statement from Sec. Ed Kee concerning oyster aquaculture that expressed support from the DDA for the Tiger Team.

Inland Bays Oyster Aquaculture Tiger Team

R. Eakle established the Inland Bays Oyster Aquaculture Tiger Team. He listed the confirmed participants on the Team. R. Miller remarked that legislative support of this effort will be very important and requested the Board's assistance in establishing this support. E. Lewandowski remarked that aquaculture showed overwhelming support during a Delaware Seagrant Advisory group survey conducted in March. R. Eakle expressed his appreciation for all supporters of the initiative.

Budget Outlook & Fundraising

C. Bason reported that the budget outlook was the same as that reported last quarter. He reported that Senator's Coons and Carper had signed onto a Congressional Appropriations letter requesting \$600,000 per NEP for the FY2013 budget.

J. Jones reported that the annual appeal's goal of a 25% increase was exceeded and the actual increase was 70%. The goal for the Spring membership renewal is a 25%.

Patron Advisory Committee

R. Eakle established a Patron's Advisory Committee to assist with the development of large individual gifts for the Center. The Chair requested that each Board member identify two candidates that would be interested to serve on the Committee and report back by April 15. The Center will then interview the candidates and convene the committee. C. Bason directed the Board to the membership cards to their packets and requested that all Board Members consider becoming a member of the Center. He requested that if becoming a member professionally could present a conflict, that Board members consider becoming a member as an individual.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing under open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Eakle requested a motion to adjourn. J. Cabry motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded by G. Wood. The motion passed unanimously at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Collins, Secretary –

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