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BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays Office
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

September 27, 2013

Approved December 15, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

<i>Board Members Present</i>	<i>EPA Representatives</i>
Rick Eakle (<i>Chair</i>)	Ed Ambrogio (<i>EPA Reg. III</i>)
Joanne Cabry (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Susan McDowell (<i>EPA Reg. III</i>)
Dr. Bill McGowan (<i>Treasurer, SCD</i>)	
Nancy Cabrera-Santos (<i>Secretary, CAC</i>)	<i>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</i>
Gordon Wood (<i>SCAT</i>)	E.J. Chalabala
Dr. Scott Andres (<i>STAC</i>)	Chris Bason
	Jenn Jones
<i>Board Alternates Present</i>	Bart Wilson
Frank Piorko (<i>DNREC</i>)	
Austin Short (<i>DDA</i>)	<i>Public Attendees</i>
Hal Godwin (<i>Sussex County</i>)	Diane Hanson (<i>Dewey Beach</i>)
	Bob Batky (<i>CAC</i>)
<i>Board Members Absent</i>	Mike Marrone (<i>CAC</i>)
Secretary Collin O'Mara (<i>DNREC</i>)	Susan Love (<i>DNREC</i>)
Todd Lawson (<i>Sussex County</i>)	
Secretary Ed Kee (<i>DDA</i>)	

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Motion by Joanne Cabry to accept the minutes of the JUN 14, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors as written; seconded by Frank Piorko. Passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Nancy Cabrera-Santos to approve the Board Budget Summary; seconded by Joanne Cabry. Passed unanimously.

SUMMARY OF DIRECTIVES

No directives issued.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Rick Eakle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed Mayor of Dewey Beach, Diane Hanson.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

R. Eakle requested to postpone the CCMP Implementation Report item with no objections.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary directed attention to the minutes and requested any changes. R. Eakle requested a motion to accept the minutes of the JUN 14, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors; Joanne Cabry moved, and Frank Piorko seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill McGowan directed attention to the board budget summary and asked for any questions, hearing none he requested a motion to approve the summary. N. Cabrera-Santos moved and J. Cabry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Chair of the CAC, Nancy Cabrera-Santos, recognized CAC members in the audience, Bob Batky and Mike Marrone. The focus of the CAC is climate change and sea level rise. The CAC entertained presentations from the USACE, DNREC, and PEPCO holdings on climate change and sea level rise. She reported the 3rd edition of About the Bays will be published next week in local Gannet papers.

Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

STAC Chair Dr. Scott Andres reported that presentations to the STAC by UD and DNREC on the DE water quality data portal, DNREC on migratory birds, Allen Harim on their poultry processing facility proposal, and the CIB's Burton's Island study were entertained. R. Eakle complemented S. Andres on his chairmanship of the last meeting.

Water Use Plan Implementation Committee

C. Bason reported that the committee did not meet since the last BOD meeting. He reported on the completion of the Hazardous Debris Removal Project for the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal that WUPIC facilitated.

Living Shorelines Committee

Bart Wilson reported that the committee will hold its first meeting on OCT 16. R. Eakle requested the committee membership.

Executive Committee

R. Eakle directed the Board to the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting from AUG 26, 2013. There were no comments or questions.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sussex County

Hal Godwin reported Council adopted a new sewer service map. The map now requires any private utility company applying for a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) get approval from the County. Previously CPCN applications went directly to the Public Service Commission and did not go through the County. The Council does not intend to become involved in existing CPCNs. The PCS does have the authority to dissolve CPCNs not being serviced, though this has never occurred and if initiated could be tried in court. The result of the map adoption is that the County now will play a much greater role in planning sewerage for the future. B. McGowan complemented the County on its action.

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

Frank Piorko reported that DNREC continues the partnership with CIB on the beneficial reuse of dredged material in Pepper Creek and intends to continue this in Indian River next year. DNREC will look for dedicated waterway maintenance funding next legislative session. He reported the State Wetlands Advisory Committee held its first meeting. DNREC presented stormwater regulation and floodplain mapping updates to the County. R. Eakle offered the services of the WUPIC to assist in recommending funding options for waterway maintenance.

Delaware Department of Agriculture

Austin Short reported that DDA allocated over \$250,000 in cover crop funding to Sussex County this year, a great increase over last year. Two farmland preservation easements were settled in the watershed at over 250 acres total over the last year. Farmland purchases under the Young Farmer program are also held in easement, and one occurred this year in the watershed. R. Eakle affirmed that discussion held at STAC meetings are not the position of the CIB, and that positions come from Board or Director.

Sussex Conservation District

B. McGowan reported that over 16,000 acres of cover crops were enrolled in the Inland Bays watershed this year; actual implementation depends upon weather and other variables. The District is hiring a water resources planner to serve as a tax ditch manager and planner. The District will assume the bonding role from Sussex County for permitted stormwater facilities construction. The District is working with DNREC on a constructing a drainage study in Oak Orchard and a stormwater workshop with the CIB.

Sussex County Association of Towns

Gordon Wood reviewed SCAT's focus on roads, grants, and budgets. He expressed SCAT's interest on aquaculture siting. He reminded the Board of SCAT's position that the Center not be involved in political decisions concerning wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. He requested SCAT's involvement in the living shorelines sub-committee.

Environmental Protection Agency

Ed Ambrogio reported EPA held a briefing for the new EPA Administrator with a group of Estuary Program Directors. The new Administrator is very interested in the NEPs. A meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts was held in Dover and entertained a presentation on Non-Point Source Program guidance. The Mid-Atlantic Planning Body of the National Ocean Policy met for the first time last week, the group has an offshore focus. S. Andres inquired if the Planning Body would include study of sand mining for beach nourishment. It was uncertain the level of focus on in the Planning Body.

General Assembly Updates

House

J. Cabry reported that HB 160, the shellfish aquaculture bill, was passed.

Senate

R. Eakle acknowledged CIB staff for their work on HB 160 and the Governor's signing ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy

Susan Love reviewed DNREC's process on facilitating the Delaware Sea Level Rise Committee, developing the Statewide Vulnerability Analysis, and developing the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Recommendations Report. All 55 recommendations in the report were approved by a 2/3

majority of the Committee. She reported on an Executive Order 41 for all State Agencies to consider sea level rise in their planning and for the creation of a climate committee to set a CO2 reduction goal. University of Delaware is searching for contaminated sites in Sussex so that they can examine the effect of salt water on heavy metals. Susan reviewed selected recommendations from the report. She highlighted the recommendation to update the Tidal Wetlands Regulatory Maps.

CIB Marketing Initiative Report

Jenn Jones presented the work rebranding work of consultants ABC with the CIB and its planned incremental implementation on Center materials and in its communications.

Executive Director Report

C. Bason provided the Executive Director Report. He reported that CIB is seeking funding for an oyster shell recycling program.

OPEN FORUM

No items under open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cabrera-Santos, Secretary –

NC/cwb

Approved by Secretary, NOV 26, 2013