



DELAWARE CENTER FOR THE
INLAND BAYS
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays
 Indian River Inlet Facility

April 4, 2014

Approved: June 27, 2014

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>)	Mike Hoffmann (<i>EPA Reg. III</i>)
David Baird (<i>Treasurer, SCD</i>)	
Diane Hanson (<i>SCAT</i>)	<i>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</i>
Dr. Scott Andres (<i>STAC</i>)	E.J. Chalabala
Hal Godwin (<i>Sussex County</i>)	Chris Bason
	Jenn Jones
<i>Board Alternates Present</i>	Bart Wilson
Frank Piorko (<i>DNREC</i>)	Eric Buehl
Bob Collins (<i>CAC</i>)	Loretta Smith
<i>Board Members Absent</i>	<i>Public Attendees</i>
Secretary Collin O'Mara (<i>DNREC</i>)	Shirley Price
Todd Lawson (<i>Sussex County</i>)	
Nancy Cabrera-Santos (<i>Secretary, CAC</i>)	
Secretary Ed Kee (<i>DDA</i>)	

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Motion by Joanne Cabry to accept the minutes of the DEC 13, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors as written; seconded by Frank Piorko. Passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Hal Godwin to accept the Board budget summary as written; seconded by J. Cabry. Passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Joanne Cabry to accept CAC membership applications of Tom Farrah and Ted Farragut; seconded by Bob Collins. Passed unanimously.
4. Motion by J. Cabry to approve the original resolution from the CAC on the Route 113 Millsboro Bypass; seconded by B. Collins. After discussion, motion by J. Cabry to approve the revised resolution on the Route 113 Millsboro Bypass to forward a letter to the state legislators and the Governor urging DelDOT to adopt the “On-Alignment Alternative” without an eastern connector to Route 24, and to present its proposed alternatives to the CIB at June 2014 scheduled Board Meeting. Seconded by Bob Collins. Passed unanimously.
5. Motion by J. Cabry to enter Executive Session to discuss potential legal issues associated with the Center’s wind turbine failure; seconded by B. Collins. Passed unanimously.
6. Motion to adjourn by H. Godwin; seconded by D. Hanson. Passed unanimously.

SUMMARY OF DIRECTIVES

No directives.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Rick Eakle called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He welcomed the incoming representative of the Sussex County Association of Towns, Diane Hanson, to the Board. He welcomed Mike Hoffmann of EPA Region III.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

R. Eakle called for any changes to the agenda and heard none. He requested the addition of an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss potential legal action regarding the Center’s wind turbine failure. Hearing no objections, he added the item at the end of the agenda.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Bob Collins directed attention to the minutes and requested any amendments; none were heard. R. Eakle requested a motion to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors as written; J. Cabry moved, and F. Piorko seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

David Baird presented the report to the Board and asked for any questions. R. Eakle requested a motion to approve the summary as written. H. Godwin moved and J. Cabry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Baird reported that the Center has received a clean FY2013 audit with no findings reportable to the EPA. He asked for any questions on the audit and heard none. R. Eakle complimented Loretta Smith on her work on the audit and the Center's finances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Bob Collins reported that the CAC continues its involvement in the Your Creek project.

Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

STAC Chair Dr. Scott Andres reported that the last STAC meeting drew 42 attendees and covered presentations on the nutrient content of poultry manure, nutrient loads to the bays, and a review of the Inland Bays water quality model. The STAC will develop a workgroup to present a recommendation to the Board on updating the Inland Bays water quality model. The STAC will provide assistance to developing and reviewing environmental indicators for the Your Creek project.

Water Use Plan Implementation Committee

Chris Bason reported that the Inland Bays Cleanup has been scheduled for July 12th. WUPIC will participate in the Coastal Cleanup on September 20th as well. DNREC will provide \$10,000 to the Center to implement WUPIC's priorities to mitigate navigational hazards in the Bays. WUPIC requests that the Board draft a letter to local legislators requesting a long-term sustainable funding source for Inland Bays' navigational maintenance. R. Eakle requested Board approval for such a letter. Hearing no objections he indicated a letter would be sent.

Strategic Planning Committee

C. Bason reported that the Committee did not meet and will meet via phone conference to align FY2015 workplan priorities.

Living Shorelines Committee

C. Bason reported that the 30 member committee met last quarter and that the four subcommittees also met. Definitions of living shorelines are being developed for communication purposes. A training for marine contractors was held with 17 contractors attending. Three demonstration projects are ongoing or ready to begin in Delaware. A \$4.3 million dollar grant proposal was submitted for living shoreline demonstration and education to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation by the CIB, the Partnership for the DE Estuary, and the Barnegat Bay Program.

Executive Committee

R. Eakle directed the Board to the notes of the Executive Committee meeting. There were no comments or questions.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sussex County

Hal Godwin announced three new sewer planning areas: Herring Creek, Angola West, and Goslee Pond Areas. J. Cabry asked what proportion of Sussex has sewer. H. Godwin responded that he did not know but could find out. A general discussion about how Sussex provides sewer followed.

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

Frank Piorko reported that the Coast Guard will no longer support aids to navigation in White's Creek and Pepper Creek. Such inability to support by the Coast Guard is occurring up and down the East Coast. DNREC needs to replace 8 or 9 floating buoys. DNREC will develop a comprehensive five year waterway management plan.

The Wetlands Advisory Committee will shortly vote on State assumption of parts of the Federal wetlands regulatory program and incentives for freshwater wetlands protection. Start action notices have been issued for Beach Regulations and for Shellfish Aquaculture Regulations. He distributed a fact sheet on permit requirements concerning the proposed Allen Harim poultry processing facility.

H. Godwin asked that F. Piorko keep Sussex County informed about the Shellfish Aquaculture regulations. F. Piorko agreed and remarked that there had already been two public workshops on the development of the regulations that were very well attended.

Delaware Department of Agriculture

No representative from the Dept. of Agriculture was present.

Sussex Conservation District

D. Baird reported the District is wrapping up the cover crop program and they anticipate a slight increase in enrollment for cover crops. The District is looking at options to increase participation in the program.

Sussex County Association of Towns

Diane Hanson reported that she will report to SCAT and elected officials about the Center and the Inland Bays.

Environmental Protection Agency

Ed Ambrogio reported that a proposed rule about what is and what is not a Waters of the United State is currently out for public comment. Upwards of \$35 million dollars was recently awarded from the William Penn Foundation to organizations working in the Delaware Estuary Watershed. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary will receive \$630,000 of this. The Maryland Coastal Bays is rolling out their draft CCMP update to the public. EPA will hold a Region III States meeting in Rehoboth this fall.

General Assembly Updates

House

There was no legislation to report regarding the Inland Bays.

Senate

There was no legislation to report regarding the Inland Bays.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

CAC Member Application

R. Eakle reported that the Executive Committee voted to accept the CAC membership applications of Tom Farrah and Ted Farragut. R. Eakle requested a motion for the Board to accept the applications. F. Piorko made the motion and Bob Collins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Route 113 Millsboro Bypass CAC Resolution

R. Eakle reported that, after a few changes were made, the Executive Committee recommended that the Board approve the resolution that originated from the CAC. J. Cabry motioned to approve the resolution and B. Collins seconded. E. Ambrogio requested a brief history of the issue and resolution. R. Eakle summarized that the proposed alternative for the bypass impacts a great deal of wetlands and that public input to the CAC favored an improvement of the existing road to avoid the impacts. He reported that the Executive Director previously sent a letter on behalf of the Center to DelDOT requesting information but got no response. C. Bason summarized the significant difference in natural resource impacts between the on-alignment alternative and the blue alternative. J. Cabry asked if the 'northern connector' was the same as

the ‘eastern connector.’ Eric Buehl confirmed that they are the same. Board Members collaborated to revise the last sentence to, “Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors forward a letter to the state legislators and the Governor urging DelDOT to adopt the “On-Alignment Alternative” without an eastern connector to Route 24, and to present its proposed alternatives to the CIB at June 2014 scheduled Board Meeting.” The Board agreed that a letter be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of DelDOT, and the Legislature. R. Eakle requested a motion to accept the revised resolution. J. Cabry motioned and B. Collins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clean Water for Delaware’s Future Plan

F. Piorko presented on Governor Markell’s Clean Water for Delaware’s Future Plan. He presented a general overview of the Plan. He remarked that a piece of draft legislation existed that required 90% of funds collected in each County would be spent in the County in which they were collected. D. Baird remarked that he perceives that many would like to see the details of the plan. S. Andres inquired if a legislative sponsor existed and F. Piorko replied, not yet.

CIB Land Conservation and Restoration Coordinator

E. Buehl presented the past project and planning successes of his position.

CIB’s 20th Anniversary Celebration

C. Bason reported on the Center’s initiative. He reported that the initiative has a goal of a 25% increase in new membership, a 15% in private donations, and a \$20,000 net from the Anniversary Gala. He detailed the components of the Celebration including the Plant Sale Pre-Party, the Rock & Row Regatta, and the Gala. Sponsorship opportunities were distributed to the Board and notified them that he would ask certain members for support. Jenn Jones requested that Board member organizations commit to table sponsorships by mid-May. D. Hanson and H. Godwin agreed to arrange for an opportunity for Center staff to request sponsorship at the next SCAT meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No items under open forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. Eakle requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential legal issues associated with the Center’s wind turbine failure. J. Cabry made the motion and B. Collins seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was entered into at 11:32 am and adjourned at 11:37 am. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Eakle requested a motion to adjourn and H. Godwin so motioned to be seconded by D. Hanson. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cabrera-Santos, Secretary –
NC/cwb

Approved by NCS, June 13, 2014