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BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays
Indian River Inlet Facility

September 26, 2014
Approved DEC 12, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

| <i>Board Members Present</i> | <i>EPA Representatives</i> |
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| Joanne Cabry (<i>Acting Chair, House</i>) | Ed Ambrogio (<i>EPA Reg. III</i>) |
| David Small (<i>DNREC</i>) | Mike Hoffmann (<i>EPA Reg. III</i>) |
| David Baird (<i>Treasurer, SCD</i>) | |
| Dr. Scott Andres (<i>STAC</i>) | <i>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</i> |
| Todd Lawson (<i>Sussex County</i>) | E.J. Chalabala |
| Susie Ball (<i>CAC</i>) | Chris Bason |
| Secretary Ed Kee (<i>DDA</i>) | Bart Wilson |
| Rob Robinson (<i>Senate</i>) | Eric Buehl |
| | Loretta Smith |
| <i>Board Members Absent</i> | Roy Miller |
| Diane Hanson (<i>SCAT</i>) | Sally Boswell |
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| <i>Other Attendees</i> | |
| Hal Godwin (<i>Sussex County</i>) | |
| Jim Falk (<i>UDCEOE</i>) | |

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Motion by Nancy Cabrera-Santos to accept the minutes of the JUN 27, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors as written; seconded by David Baird. Passed unanimously.
2. Motion by D. Baird to approve the amendment of the FY2015 CIB operating budget by adding \$20,000 in EPA funds as allocated to two projects; seconded by N. Cabrera-Santos. Passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Ed Kee to approve Susie Ball as the CAC Chair; seconded by David Small. Passed unanimously.
4. Motion by J. Cabry to approve Steve Britz as the CAC Vice Chair; seconded by Ed Kee. Passed unanimously.
5. Motion by Ed Kee to accept the application of Gary Taylor for membership to the CAC; seconded by Joanne Cabry. Passed unanimously.
6. Nomination of Officers. Nomination of Joanne Cabry for Chair by David Baird; seconded by Ed Kee. Nomination of Frank Piorko for Vice Chair by Joanne Cabry; seconded by Hal Godwin. Nomination of Susie Ball for Secretary by David Baird; seconded by Ed Kee. Nomination of David Baird for Treasurer by Joanne Cabry; seconded by Hal Godwin. J. Cabry welcomed the new set of Officers after an uncontested election.

SUMMARY OF DIRECTIVES

No directives.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Acting Chair Joanne Cabry called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

J. Cabry called for any changes to the agenda and heard none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

J. Cabry directed attention to the minutes and requested a motion to accept. Nancy Cabrera-Santos made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors and David Baird seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

David Baird directed attention to the Board Budget Summary and asked Chris Bason if he had anything specific that he would like to add on the Summary for the Board. C. Bason did not. D. Baird requested any questions or comments. Hearing none, he motioned to accept the Board Budget Summary as prepared. N. Cabrera-Santos seconded.

D. Baird announced the proposed amendment to the approved FY2015 CIB budget and requested that C. Bason explain the proposal. C. Bason detailed the addition of \$20,000 in the EPA operating budget line as allocated to the Loop Canal Living Shoreline Project, the Living Shoreline Training for Marine Contractors, and CIB indirect. J. Cabry requested a motion to approve the amendment to the FY2015 operating budget and D. Baird made the motion; N. Cabrera-Santos seconded.

J. Cabry took the opportunity to introduce to the Board Rob Robinson, the new appointee of the Senate Pro Tem, and Susan Ball the newly elected Chair of the CAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

N. Cabrera-Santos reported that an EPA representative presented on sustainability at the last CAC meeting. At this meeting, Susan Ball was elected CAC Chair and Steve Britz was elected CAC Vice Chair. She requested a motion to approve Susie Ball as CAC Chair and Ed Kee made the motion; David Small seconded. The motion passed unanimously. N. Cabrera-Santos requested a motion to approve Steve Britz as the CAC Vice Chair and J. Cabry made the motion. The motion was seconded by Ed Kee and passed unanimously. J. Cabry thanked N. Cabrera-Santos for her service as the CAC Chair and presented her with a gift.

Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)

STAC Chair Dr. Scott Andres reported that the last STAC meeting had 26 attendees and featured presentations on the Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant, how the County deals with wastewater in the Inland Bays Watershed, and on managing impoundments. Since 2012, the STAC hosted 25 presentations. The two most common CCMP focus areas that the presentations corresponded to were Managing Living Resources and Water Quality.

Water Use Plan Implementation Committee

E.J. Chalabala provided the WUPIC report. The Inland Bays Cleanup occurred on July 12 with 12 boats and 62 volunteers participating. CIB and some WUPIC members also participated with the DNREC Coastal Cleanup on SEP 20. A hazardous debris cleanup identified by WUPIC has been arranged and is ready to proceed. Ed Lewandowski has agreed to serve as the new Chair of WUPIC and Bob Collins will serve as the new CIB staff liaison.

Living Shorelines Committee

Bart Wilson reported that the Committee had its quarterly meeting in September. Draft changes to the regulations on the statewide activity approval and the cost share arrangement for living shorelines have been submitted to DNREC.

Executive Committee

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

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sussex County

Hal Godwin had nothing to report for Sussex County and instead deferred to the Director's report on the James Farm Master Plan later in the meeting.

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

David Small reported that Virgil Holmes was selected as the new DNREC Director of Water. Phil Cherry was named as the DNREC Director of Energy and Climate. David reported that the Delaware Wetlands Advisory Committee completed its work this week. Although the Committee did not pass recommendations to increase protection of wetlands through regulation David stated that a comprehensive approach to protection should include regulation. He reported that the work of the DE Waterways Financing and Management Committee continues and thanked the Center for its service on the committee. He reported that DNREC staff is studying land application in regards to the Rehoboth Beach wastewater discharge to ensure the record of decision is as complete and robust as it needs to be. He had no timeline for DNREC's decision on the environmental impact decision relating to Rehoboth's request to borrow money for an ocean outfall.

Delaware Department of Agriculture

Ed Kee reported that many farmers are reporting the best corn harvest of their lives. Large harvests relate to high efficiency of nutrient uptake. He reported that since 1995, the Farmland Preservation Act has preserved through permanent easements 116,000 acres of farmland which also contain woodlands and wetlands. Historically, the program was funded between \$5 and \$10 million per year. However, last year the program was only funded at \$2 million. Ed requested that the Director support this program, if the Board was in agreement, at the JFC hearings in spring. He reported that Holly Porter has come on to replace Mark Davis and will attend some CIB meetings with Ed in the future.

Sussex Conservation District

D. Baird reported that 209 applications for cover crop and other nutrient BMP assistance were received county-wide, with 35 of those in the Inland Bays watershed. 23,000 of cover crops were enrolled in the watershed. The District receives \$1.2 to \$1.5M for cost share county-wide this year. Requests for cost share were in excess of \$2.1 M. Demand for cost share is much higher than funding. \$425,000 in request came from the Inland Bays watershed. The District is focusing on improving soil health and will hold a workshop in December on soil health. The focus is on how improved soil health can improve water quality and a farmer's bottom line.

Sussex County Association of Towns

Diane Hanson could not be present due to a family emergency so no report was given.

Environmental Protection Agency

Ed Ambrogio reported that Delaware has updated their non-point source pollution management plan and guidance. On October 14-15 the EPA Region III states meeting will occur in Rehoboth and C. Bason will give a presentation on behalf of CIB. The Delaware Chapter of the American Water Resources Association will host a presentation by the EPA and C. Bason will give a presentation on behalf of CIB. Mike Hoffman reported that the Center's application for FY2015 operating grant has been received, reviewed, and approved.

General Assembly Updates

House

J. Cabry had nothing to report since the House had not been in session. She stated that she intends to arrange a meeting between herself, Rob Robinson, and local legislators to find out what more the CIB can do with policy in regards to the Inland Bays.

Senate

Rob Robinson stated that he is also looking forward to working with the Legislature on behalf of the Center.

OLD BUSINESS

CIB 20th Anniversary Gala

Chris Bason reviewed the live and silent auction sponsors for the Gala. \$38,000 was received from 25 sponsors. 75 individual tickets totaling \$7,500 were sold. \$9,000 was received from 50 auction items. After expenses, the net proceeds to the Center were \$28,000, which was above the goal of \$20,000. C. Bason thanked Jenn Jones for her work on the successful Gala.

NEW BUSINESS

CAC Member Application

C. Bason directed the Board to Gary Taylor's application in the Board packet. Susie Ball requested a motion to accept Gary Taylor's application to the CAC. Ed Kee motioned and was seconded by J. Cabry. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Joanne Cabry requested that Chris Bason preside over the election of officers. He opened up nominations from the floor for the Office of Chair. David Baird nominated Joanne Cabry for Chair and was seconded by Ed Kee. C. Bason asked for any further nominations and hearing none closed the nomination for Chair. C. Bason opened up nominations from the floor for the

Office of Vice Chair. J. Cabry nominated Frank Piorko of DNREC for the position of Vice Chair. J. Cabry reported that, although Frank was not in attendance, he had sent her a letter in which he agreed to serve as Vice Chair if nominated. Hal Godwin seconded the nomination of Frank Piorko for Vice Chair. C. Bason asked for any further nominations and hearing none closed the nomination for Vice Chair. C. Bason opened up nominations from the floor for Secretary and David Baird nominated Susie Ball; he was seconded by Ed Kee. C. Bason asked for any further nominations and hearing none closed the nomination for Secretary. C. Bason opened up nominations from the floor for the Office of Treasurer and J. Cabry nominated David Baird as Treasurer; this was seconded by Hal Godwin. C. Bason asked for any further nominations and hearing none closed the nomination for Treasurer. Since only one nomination was taken for each Office, the uncontested election was closed and C. Bason and J. Cabry welcomed the new set of Officers.

James Farm Master Plan

C. Bason provided copies of the draft final Master Plan to representatives of those organizations at the meeting that funded the project: Sussex County, DNREC, EPA, UD Seagrass Coastal Communities Development Initiative. He provided the presentation of the Master Plan. Following the presentation questions were taken. Ed Ambrogio asked about use of the Farm on the east side of Cedar Neck Road. C. Bason described that a new gateway would help attract users to this side of the Farm where additional educational signage would be placed. N. Cabrera-Santos asked about growth of visitation at the Farm. C. Bason replied that visitation growth was estimated and that it resulted in the sizing of the parking lot. Ed Kee asked if the location of original homestead was known. C. Bason replied that the original homestead is located on the northern parcel of the Farm. It dates from the 1700s and is part of the life estate of Diane Turner; CIB used the house as a satellite office at one time. Rob Robinson remarked that an opportunity exists to educate residents about development using the site. Scott Andres asked if considerations about birding were made. C. Bason responded that birding is included in educational signage. D. Baird asked what the next steps are. C. Bason responded that a meeting has been setup with DNREC on Land and Water Conservation Trust Funds on potential grants next month.

Stockley Headwater Stream Restoration Project Presentation

Eric Buehl presented on the recently completed project. After the presentation, questions were taken. Ed Ambrogio inquired about sediment reduction numbers. E. Buehl replied they were not available.

C. Bason took the opportunity to thank Eric Buehl for his service on his last day. C. Bason thanked Eric Buehl, Bart Wilson, and E.J. Chalabala for their service to the Center as they would be taking new positions in the near future. J. Cabry echoed these comments on behalf of the Center.

OPEN FORUM

No requests to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Cabry adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Ball, Secretary –
SB/cwb