

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Steve Britz, CAC Vice Chair,
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary
John Austin
Dennis Bartow
Pete Keenan
Gary Taylor
Janet Strickler
Joanne Cabry, CIB BOD Chair

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director
Morgan Pitts Outreach coordinator

Members of the Public Present

Judy Britz

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Draft notes from CCMP workshop at last CAC meeting.

Introductions and Announcements

Janet Strickler has rejoined the CAC. Ab Ream has resigned.

Your Creek Update

Derrickson Creek report rolled out. Senator Carper attended.
Friends of Love Creek on Facebook. Steve Britz has been posting. High levels of bacteria.
Recent fish kill in Love Creek. Menhaden mostly.

Executive Director Report

Chris Bason reported a busy quarter. Have completed a new monitoring plan for the bays. Update watershed and estuary models.
Derrickson Creek report was rolled out.
Dewey Beach stormwater retrofit on Reed Street.
Repairing fish passages over dams will open many miles of breeding area.

Inland Bays Clean Up. Don't chuck your shucks program now has 23 participating restaurants.
Oyster seeding program very successful.
Watershed reforestation plan of agricultural lands. Have a model for highest priority areas.
Interviewing candidates for Watershed Coordinator.
Del Tech relationship very successful.
Clean Water rally at Dover had great attendance.
Friends of the Bays awards tomorrow.
Review of the outreach program.
Decked Out and Tidewater golf outing were successful.
Environmental license plate would bring in 8000.
James Farm master plan and grant applications.

Board Chair report

Clean water and storm water bill. Bryan Townsend spoke to the Board. No sponsors from Sussex County. Resolution passed.
Joanne suggested one on one with legislators. Have to have residents from district.
Funding source for flooding and clean water for drinking. Clean water surcharge on income tax and business tax. \$40 for individual, \$80 for a couple and \$45 for business. Administration costs capped at 10%. Revenue could be \$20 -50 million annually. Could support 800 jobs directly or indirectly. Monies will go into a trust managed by several cabinet members. Bonds will be issued to projects to enhance clean drinking water and address storm water management. There will be a water quality advisory council.
Bill has not been introduced. Sussex will need to mobilize its citizens to get this bill introduced.
Bill will not be introduced unless they have the votes to pass it. Need support from Sussex legislators. Need more sponsors. Should be bipartisan. There is public support as reported by Delaware Nature Society poll.

Several members volunteered to write letters to the newspapers. Joanne pointed out the draft bill is online. Steve Britz pointed out that it is important to outline specific projects that need to be addressed. Chris Bason offered to provide the list.
Gary Taylor brought up Derrickson Creek pollution levels. Chris Bason responded that cover crops and forested buffers would help enormously to cut down run off.
50% Sussex county inhabitants have wells some of which have contaminated water.

Committee Reports

Outreach

OSHER lifelong learning- accepted our proposal for a 5-week course on: What Lies Beneath the Inland Bays. Susie Ball and Steve Britz will develop and present the course.
Pilot project to reach out to boaters had table at two marinas over the summer.

Gary Taylor is interested in presenting to HOA's and church groups. He would like training.

We will schedule training with Morgan Pitts. Gary Taylor, Janet Strickler, Steve Britz, Ptery Iris, Susie Ball are interested in presenting.

Dennis Bartow asked to present to Delaware Institute of Science – Horseshoe crabs
Ptery Iris suggested talking to developers regarding the plant species they use. Ask them to commit to native planting native species.

Steve Britz suggested taking the issue of native plants for new developments.

Bacteria

DNREC has started source tracking of the DNA of the enterococcus in Love Creek.

New Business

Should we continue to have meetings without speakers? We have covered a lot of material in meetings without speakers. Consensus was occasional speakers.

Possible speakers Bryan Townsend to discuss clean water.

CAC goals 2017-18

Consensus was that education and outreach should be our focus.

Fertilization

Chris Bason asked for volunteers to research whether other states have attempted to tax fertilizer.

Timing of meeting

Meetings are long we suggest discussing length of meetings next time.

Adjourned at 7:20pm