

# CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' Meeting Minutes

Delaware Center for the Inland Bays Office  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

June 17, 2007

### IN ATTENDANCE:

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Jim Alderman
Rick Eakle ( <i>Chair</i> )	Sally Boswell
Pat Campbell-White ( <i>Vice-chair</i> )	Eric Buehl
Dr. Bill McGowan ( <i>Treasurer</i> )	E.J. Chalabala
Jim Elliott ( <i>Immediate Past-chair</i> )	Loretta Smith
Kevin Donnelly	Josh Thompson
Dr. Sergio Huerta	Jess Gordon
Secretary Michael Scuse	<b>Public Audience</b>
Lloyd Hughes	Dr. Kathy Bunting-Howarth, DNREC
Ron Wuslich	
<b>Board Alternates Present</b>	Dr. Sergio Huerta, DNREC
Hal Godwin	Martha Keller
Kevin Donnelly	
<b>EPA Representatives (Ex-officio)</b>	John Schneider, DNREC
Ed Ambrogio	
<b>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</b>	
Ed Lewandowski, Executive Director	

### Summary of Motions

1. Motion to accept the minutes by Lloyd Hughes; seconded by Kevin Donnelly; passed unanimously.
2. Motion to accept the 2008 budget recommended by by Bill McGowan, Finance Committee Chair; seconded by Michael Scuse; passed unanimously.
3. Motion to ratify CAC election results by Lloyd Hughes; seconded by Michael Scuse; passed unanimously.
4. Motion by Secretary Ron Wuslich to commend and recognize Buzz Henifin for his work for the CIB; seconded by Jim Elliott; passed unanimously.
5. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rick Eakle; seconded by Pat Campbell-White; passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES:**

### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Chairman Rick Eakle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Meeting participants were asked to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes**

Lloyd Hughes gave the Secretary's Report. Being no corrections, Lloyd Hughes moved to accept the March 2007 Board meeting minutes as presented. Kevin Donnelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Bill McGowan gave the Treasurer's report. Bill McGowan moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommended 2008 Budget. Secretary Michael Scuse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Bill McGowan mentioned that the funding used to employ Josh Thompson at the CIB is scheduled to run out in early July. McGowan advised the Board of Directors of the Finance Committee's decision to utilize 2007 carry over funds to keep Thompson on staff.

### **Board Updates**

*Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC):* Dr. Sergio Huerta reported that the STAC met on May 18th and has been working on updating the environmental indicators for the inland bays. Huerta stated that the STAC has formed an Indicator subcommittee, which recently met on May 25<sup>th</sup> to develop a water quality index.

*Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC):* Lloyd Hughes reported that the CAC recently held elections at the last CAC meeting. Hughes motioned to ratify the election results from that meeting. Secretary Michael Scuse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Eakle welcomed Ron Wuslich as the new CAC chair.

Ron Wuslich addressed the Board of Directors as the new CAC chair. Wuslich thanked Lloyd Hughes for his years of work and dedication to the CIB.

Rick Eakle thanked Lloyd Hughes for his service as well.

Ron Wuslich motioned for the Board to accept and adopt a resolution thanking Buzz Henifin for his service to the CIB. Jim Elliot seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC):* Kevin Donnelly gave the DNREC report. Donnelly stated that two PCS hearings were held that week and thanked the CIB for their submitted comments. He mentioned that the public generally was supportive of immediate action to pass the Pollution Control Strategies; however, the Coalition is asking for a buffer strategy to be included in the current PCS prior to passing. He mentioned that the public record would be open until June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Donnelly stated that DNREC is continuing to search for funding to study wetland dieback and is currently applying for monies from the Penalty Funds account.

Donnelly also suggested that the CIB stay engaged in the current issues and proceedings in the Delaware legislature.

*Department of Agriculture:* Secretary Michael Scuse gave the Department of Agriculture report. Scuse followed up on Kevin Donnelly's comments that the CIB should stay engaged in the current legislative proceedings in Dover. Scuse mentioned that legislation regarding transferable development rights (TDRs) is currently being considered by the General Assembly and that, if passed, could be model legislation for the rest of the country, because it creates demand for the transferable development rights.

Secretary Scuse mentioned that he and Secretary Hughes have been in discussions with the EPA regarding the unannounced poultry farm visits that occurred earlier in the spring. Scuse stated that Delaware should be used as a model state for our nutrient management program. Scuse stated that the EPA maintains that the inspections were a nationwide event, but he feels that Delaware was targeted. Following Scuse's report, there were several questions regarding the details of the EPA visits and details of the TDR program.

*Sussex County Administrator:* Hal Godwin gave the report for the Sussex County Administrator. Godwin stated that the County is very close to releasing a draft of the updates to its Comprehensive Land Use Plan that will be open for public review. He emphasized that the County is struggling with the General Assembly.

Ed Lewandowski stated that Dave Baker built \$10,000 into the County budget for the CIB Oyster Gardening program.

*Sussex Conservation District (SCD):* Dr. Bill McGowan gave the Sussex Conservation District report. McGowan stated that the number of plans being requested from the District is slowing down. He also stated that the District is currently looking at stormwater issues in the county.

Hal Godwin stated that Sussex County wants to work on updating stormwater issues after the Land Use plan is completed.

*Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):* Ed Ambrogio gave the EPA report. Ambrogio referred to the work currently being done on hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico and mentioned that it may be relevant to Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula due to the increases in corn production for ethanol and the resulting water quality issues.

Ambrogio mentioned that the 2008 budget looks better than the 2007 budget. He also mentioned that the University of Delaware was recently awarded a Star Grant of approximately \$500,000 to do work in the Inland Bays.

Ambrogio mentioned that a recent court ruling may dictate that ballast water will be regulated under NPDS.

Secretary Michael Scuse stated that corn production on the Delmarva Peninsula is only up approximately 7% this year and may go down next year due to the diversity of the grain industry in the area. Kevin Donnelly commented on the number of acres of ethanol corn in the Chesapeake watershed and commented that requiring permits for ballast water would be a huge logistical problem.

Ed Lewandowski stated that the House of Representatives recommended a \$10 million increase to NEPs.

### **Old Business**

Rick Eakle asked for any old business. Hearing none, Eakle moved on.

### **New Business**

Rick Eakle asked for any new business.

Ed Lewandowski introduced Jess Gordon as the new Development Coordinator for the CIB. Jess Gordon gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on her program and accomplishments to date. Dr. Sergio Huerta mentioned that DNREC utilizes a new customer relations database that may be useful to Jess and the CIB. Jess replied that she has been utilizing a similar program called “Raiser’s Edge.” Following her presentation, Josh Thompson gave a brief presentation on the Rt. 113 North South Study in the Millsboro-South area and fielded several questions from the Board members.

Dr. Bill McGowan mentioned that there will be a workshop on growth issues in Sussex County at the University of Delaware Research Center on June 28<sup>th</sup> and asked all to attend.

Eric Buehl mentioned that there is an upcoming event to benefit the CIB called “Paddlin’ for the Bays” and gave a brief description of the event.

Secretary Michael Scuse stated that there is \$1 million in the Governor’s capital budget for a forest restoration program. He stated that the Nature Conservancy will give \$500,000 match for the program if the money is kept in bond.

Ed Ambrogio asked if there was a possibility to utilize “green technology” for the Rt. 113 bypass. Kevin Donnelly stated that DelDOT would look into environmentally friendly options while designing the system.

### **Adjournment**

Rick Eakle moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. Pat Campbell-White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Wuslich, Secretary