



IDNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Coastal Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday August 19, 2020

10:00am CT

Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Voting: Jim Alexander (NiSource/Industry), Brad Miller (Historical Landmarks), Ross Pietrzak (Lake County City or Town / Hobart), Eric Bird (Local Natural Resource Management/TNC), Lynda Lancaster (Dunes National Park); Brian Breidert (Laporte County), Natalie Johnson (Environmental Advocacy), Donna Norkus (Porter County City or Town), Jeremy Sobecki (Parks & Rec),

Non-Voting: Elizabeth McCloskey (USFWS); Michael Spinar (IDEM), Young Choi (Universities)

LMCP Staff: Kacey Alexander, Jenny Orsburn, Katie Vallis

Old Business:

Minutes will be approved at the next meeting

New Business:

Jenny Orsburn began the meeting by letting the CAB know that the 2020 grant was approved by NOAA. A few of the grants have been approved and a few NOAA needs additional information. We hope to get these grants approved by NOAA as soon as we can so we are able to get their grants started. Covid may affect some projects and the LMCP will work with those grantees. Jenny is working on putting the RFP for the 2021 grant will be up on the website soon. Pre-proposals will be due to Jenny October 16th by 6pm CDT.

The first speaker was Matt Wyrick from the DNR Division of Nature Preserves and he spoke about the Karner Blue Butterfly Survey he and others have been conducting. The Division of Nature Preserves received a grant from the Lake Michigan Coastal Program for this survey. The purpose of the grant is to locate populations of the Karner Blue Butterfly (KBB), as well as identify suitable sites where the KBB could thrive to establish the feasibility of potential reintroduction.

Next we had Amanda Studor Bond from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) provide updates on the 6217 Nonpoint source pollution program. The main points that she makes surrounds submitting the Septic Management Measure submission. A draft was sent to the EPA and has been returned with comments which IDEM is working on. The final submission is due by the end of the month.



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Michael Spinar from IDEM provided a brief overview and update of the LAMP. The 2020-2024 agreement is currently being drafted. The next steps are to complete the draft it will then go out for public comment. The agreement should go out for comment in 2021.

The meeting moved on to a discussion of coastal issues. First up was a discussion on beach nourishment by Margret Dove of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A yearly project that is conducted is trucking 20 thousand pounds of sand to Crescent Dune Beach. Katie Vallis briefly discussed the Federal Consistency process. All applications that are submitted to us can be found on the website.

Lastly, we heard from Allen Hurst from DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation. He shared information regarding the interaction map on where to paddle in Indiana. He went through how to use the map. You can find canoe and kayak rentals. You can find access sites, location, fees, and launching site.

Next Meeting:
October 21, 2020