

IDNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Coastal Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday August 17th 2016

10:00 am CST

Emergency Management Conference Room

100 E. Michigan Blvd. Michigan City, IN 46360

Attendees:

Voting: Cathy Martin (Save the Dunes/Environmental Advocacy), Shannon Eason (Park and Recreation/Michigan City Parks), Paul Labus (Local Natural Resource Management/TNC), Richard Morrisroe (Citizen at Large - Lake), Jeffrey Katz (Porter County City or Town / Beverly Shores), Kim Swift (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore), Tim Kingsland (Lake County City or Town / Hobart), Christine Livingston (Indiana Dunes/Tourism), Dan Plath (Nisource), Kenneth Purze (Chamber of Commerce)

Non-Voting: Kathy Luther (NIRPC), Elizabeth McCloskey (USFWS), Young Choi (University)

LMCP Staff: Mike Molnar, Maggie Byrne, Kacey Alexander, Dorreen Carey, Kaitlyn McClain, Dejan Koch

Public: Natalie Johnson (Urban Waters), Steve Davis (DNR-Water), Michelle Caldwell (IDEM)

Old Business:

April meeting minutes were approved

New Business:

Coastal Hazard Planning Guidance – K. McClain

Kaitlyn presented a brief overview of the Planning Guidance that she developed as a part of the Coastal Program's Section 309 enhancement objective. The plan includes information regarding Indiana specific coastal hazards, including altered shoreline dynamics, lake levels, storms and flooding.

The plan additionally touches on other coastal hazards and various planning concepts. A few of the concepts discussed were wave dynamics, beach dynamics, all-hazards approach, no adverse impact, resilience and sustainability.

Within Section Three, she provides an overview of the physical shoreline characteristics and structures present in Indiana's coastal communities. This overview is provided in order to aid decision makers in policy planning. The following section provides suggested model ordinances that can be used by communities.

The Coastal Hazard Planning Guidance document can be found on the Lake Michigan Coastal Program's website at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/files/lm-HazardOrd_TechnicalAssistance.pdf.

In the future, she plans to work with shoreline communities to implement ordinance changes and/or projects that utilize Coastal Program grant funds. She also plans to develop a curriculum around the guidance document to incorporate into the coastal training program as well. A third next step that was listed was to complete a needs assessment regarding model ordinances to address flooding.

Indiana Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program – D. Carey

The purpose of the Nonpoint Pollution Control Program is to develop and implement management for nonpoint source pollution sources to help restore and protect coastal waters. While the program was submitted to NOAA/EPA in 2005 it has not been fully approved as of yet. Before it could be fully approved certain conditions/measures needed to be met.

The original findings for the Indiana Coastal Nonpoint Program are as follows:

- ξ Bounty –Met
- ξ Agriculture – No
- ξ Urban – Partial
- ξ Forestry – Exempt
- ξ Marinas & Recreation Boating – Partial
- ξ Hydromodification – Partial
- ξ Wetlands, Riparian Areas & Vegetated Treatment Systems – Partial
- ξ Administrative Coordination – Met
- ξ Public Participation – Met
- ξ Critical Coastal Areas, Additional Management Measures & Technical Assistance – No
- ξ Monitoring – No
- ξ Enforceable Policies and Mechanisms – No

To date, only one Management Measure remains unapproved, which is that Operating Septic systems are inspected at a frequency adequate to ascertain whether the system is failing. This final measure must be approved by 2019 or risk monetary penalties by NOAA and EPA 319 funding sanctions to the State. Work is being done to ensure that this measure is met before that date.

Committee/Program Reports:

Program Update & Outreach - Mike Molnar

We are working through the State process to get our identified candidate for Special Projects Coordinator hired.

Next year is a budget year, however, currently no increases in budget are projected.

Transition – next year we will have a new Governor and new President. Program staff to start work on developing transition papers for the new administration.

Shipwreck project – LMCP contracted with Indiana University to conduct an assessment of the *Muskegon* shipwreck. We expect a final report shortly. The contractors are developing a scope of work to remove the pipe that is impacting the wreck.

Grants – Maggie Byrne

2017 Pre-Proposals are due on Friday, September 16, 2016 by 5pm CST

Planning – Kaitlyn McClain

She is currently looking to set up a planning committee to help provide recommendations on projects she is working on. She is seeking 4-6 people that would be available to meet bi-monthly. If interested, or if you know someone who might be interested, please contact Kaitlyn at kmclain@dnr.in.gov.

Next Meeting – October 19th, 2016 @ 6:30 PM CST

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