

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS
March 16, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Robert Hirschfeld, Anna-Lisa Castle, Josh Ellis, Clark Kaericher, Kathy Luther, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther announced the Brandon Road project has been accepted into the USACE's Work Plan.
- Josh Ellis asked what the function and purpose of the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) Stakeholder Group will be going forward.
- Kathy Luther will send an email to the Steering Committee asking for their suggested purpose statements for a survey to be sent to the Advisory Committee. Possible subset groups discussed are listed below:
 - Watchdog the progress of the USACE and the State of Illinois on the Brandon Road project.
 - The 2-Way Solution.
 - Subset groups who want to be active in the Joliet, IL area.
 - New technology.
- NIRPC will craft a survey to obtain a sense of purpose for the group going forward.
- Anna-Lisa Castle also feels it is the right time to re-evaluate the group.
- Robert Hirschfeld suggested the three scopes of discussion below:
 - Will the CAWS Stakeholder Group discuss and facilitate discussions for uses of the CAWS and the management of it as a stakeholder group?
 - Will the group only focus their efforts on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in the CAWS.
 - Will the group focus on Asian Carp risk in the CAWS?
- Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.