

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS  
APRIL 21, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Matt Doss, Lisa Frede, Josh Ellis, Molly Flanagan, Robert Hirschfeld, Clark Kaericher, Kay Nelson, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Dominique Edwards, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther discussed the draft agenda for the webinar meeting with the CAWS AIS Group on April 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. A request was made to add the reauthorization for the federal budget for Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
- The Steering Committee agreed the 2-way Working Group would no longer be a CAWS supported project because the two groups were not able to find a position together. Further discussion on the future of the 2-Way Group will be discussed at the meeting webinar on April 28.
- Discussions were had on the process of restructuring the Steering Committee. Currently, when a representative of the Steering Committee leaves their organization, the new staff person takes their place. Matt Doss suggested maintaining this current process. The question remains on how to rotate new organizations onto the Steering Committee, such as The Nature Conservancy (TNC), who has expressed an interest in serving on the Committee.
- Clark Kaericher, Vice President of Government Affairs; Executive Director of Technology and Infrastructure, introduced himself to the Steering Committee. Matt Doss announced he accepted another position with the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. His last day at Great Lakes Commission will be April 30, 2020. Erika Jenson will take Matt's place on the Steering Committee.
- Kathy is waiting for confirmation from the USACE to see if they are available to provide an update on the Brandon Road project at the webinar next week.
- Molly Flanagan will present on the status in congress for the Brandon Road Chief's Report for the PED funding.
- Kathy Will email Clark Kaericher the CAWS Steering Committee Operating Principles and Work Plan documents as well as the link to the CAWS information page on NIRPC's website (<https://www.nirpc.org/caws-aquatic-invasive-species-stakeholder-group/>).
- The next conference call is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Central.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.