

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, October 17, 2011

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Commissioner James Bertram, Captain Michael Horstman, Commissioner Thomas Thompson, Commissioner Steve Earp

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Donald Meyer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF/GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension; Larry Kirch, City of La Crosse Director of Planning and Development Department

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Seaquist, Dan Frost, Rick Lawdowski, Dick Fiege, Jay Odegaard
Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m.

1) Approval of the minutes of the September 19th meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

- A motion was made by Tom Thompson to approve minutes, John Fisher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Public Comment

- None

3) Commissioner Comments and Concern

- Discussion on noticing number of slow-no-wake buoys missing, including at Riverside Park
- Larry K. said Waterworks was taking them out this week

4) City Boat Launching Fee (City of La Crosse Park and Recreation Department)

- Jay Odegaard reported that:
 - o Prairie du Chien had one landing with fees, generated \$35,000 annually
 - o City Park and Recreation Department reasoning for boat launching fees to include: funding for operation and maintenance, trash receptacles, more lighting, possible additional dockage
 - o Park and Recreation Department wants to show improvements to illustrate what fees are being used for. Daily passes (honor-system box) or annual fee
 - o Question from John Fisher on who would do enforcement?
 - o Daily Pass to display in window, season ticket on boat trailer
 - o Police Department will check for violations, keeping ticket revenues
 - o On October 25th there will be a public forum held to discuss city boat launching fee

5) Update on Buoy Permitting

6) Bluff Slough No Wake permit request

- Dan Frost requested a no wake zone in Bluff Slough (also known as Swift Creek/Running Slough along Chut's Landing north to Steve Wit's property (north side). Motion to begin process for no wake zone at Chut's Landing waterway marker. A motion was made by Tom Thompson to approve, John Fisher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7) La Crosse County Sherriff Department Annual Boating Report

- Captain Michael Horstman gave an update on annual patrol stats.
 - o Lack of understanding of boating rules
 - o May try public education classes with YMCA
 - o Tom Thompson question on failure to carry safety certificates on person, Captain Horstman said he would look into this.

8) Letter to Town of Shelby regarding junk docks across from Chut's Landing

- Send picture with exact location of junk docks
- Tom Thompson motion to send letter to Town of Shelby, seconded by Steve Earp. Motion carried unanimously.

9) City/County Resolution (draft) approving Port of La Crosse Harbor & Waterfront Plan

- Discussion on County/City resolutions, reviewed County Executive Committee date.
- Executive Committee to meet on 11/9 at 1:00 p.m.

10) 2011 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review

11) Future Agenda Items

- Bluff Slough slow no wake ordinance draft resolution
- Boat and Travel show discussion
- Budget update

12) Adjourn

- A motion was made by John Fisher to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 5:46 p.m.

Approved, 11/21/11, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Recorder