

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, April 16, 2012

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Commissioner Steve Earp, Commissioner James Bertram, Captain Michael Horstman, Commissioner Tom Thompson (4:37 p.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Bob Seaquist, Commissioner Donald Meyer,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF/GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension; Dave Lange, Corp. Counsel; Larry Kirch, City Planner; Dale Hexon, City DPW

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Paiton

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

- A motion was made by John Fisher to approve the March 19th minutes with a correction on the waterway marker vote: Meyer, Olson, Earp – ayes; Bertram, Horstman - nays, with Fisher and Thompson abstaining. Wayne Oliver seconded, motion carried unanimously.

2) Public Comment

- Discussion on No-wake Zone. A request will be made to the WDNR regarding the No-Wake Zone.
- City/County elected officials could elect to appeal the ordinance.
- Glenn Paiton briefly discussed he realized he would need to get repealed by a county/city Board Member.
- Discussion on public information process.

3) Commissioner Comments and Concern

- Marc Schultz and John Fisher attended Christening of the Thomas Kennedy.

4) Bluff Slough No Wake Zone

5) French Island Yacht Club No Wake Zone

- Dan King, FIYC, has 25 owners, 35 slips by Huck Finns, American Marine, No Wake Marker request.
- Looked on county ordinance, area already is no-wake zone.
- Captain Horstman, recommended buoys there.
- May need to modify number of buoys and who places them.
- A motion was made by Steve Earp to have a workgroup formed to review buoy placement for this new buoy location, John Fisher seconded, motion carried unanimously.

6) No Wake Zone Public Notification Policy

- Minimal discussion. Public needs to be aware of impacts.

7) Brennan Marine Dredge Proposal – 7th Street Boat Landing

- Mid-late May, Brennan would like to dredge, 7th Street Boat Landing, 30 yards wide, 8 foot deep (8,200 CY max removal). Since this is a previously dredged area, dredge material is anticipated to be sand.
- Requests to do this free of charge, for guarantee 10 year commitment from both City and County. Discussion followed.
- Brennan is willing to look at changes to the proposal, per request of Tom Thompson.
- Discussion on Lometti dredge.
- Does the Harbor Commission want to endorse something along this line?
- County citizens benefit from access to Mississippi River.
- Marc Schultz will contact Army Corps about this area, which dredge to have done.
- Motion by John Fisher, seconded by Tom Thompson to adopt the City resolution with the County to approve the existing lease for a 10 year lease extension until 2028. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Harbor Commission Job Description

- Karl Green to send electronic job description to all Harbor Commission members.

9) 2012 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review

- Next meeting will be held on May 21, 2012. Proclamation for safe boating month by City/County.

10) Future Agenda Items

- Update on ongoing buoy permits
- French Island Yacht Club
- Bluff Slough No-Wake Zone
- Harbor Commission job description
- Brennan Marine dredge, 7th Street update

11) Adjourn

- A motion was made by John Fisher to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved, 05/21/2012, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Secretary