

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center

Monday, August 20, 2012

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Donald Meyer, Commissioner James Bertram (4:34), Commissioner Tom Thompson, Captain Michael Horstman, Commissioner Steve Earp, Commissioner Bob Seaquist

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Wayne Oliver

STAFF / GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension; Larry Kirch (4:50)

OTHERS PRESENT: Clyoe Benjamin, Dave Eilertson, Pam Eilertson, Mike Olson, Tom Weiss, Roger Thornton, Dyanne Brudos, Bob Sargent, Glenna Temple, Greg Kenworthy, Dave Hanifl, Mike Moen, Dawwy Walters

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 16th meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners

- A motion was made by Tom Thompson, seconded by John Fisher to approve the July 16th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. French Slough No Wake Zone Public Informational meeting (public comments welcomed)

- Tom Weiss (2525 Baumgartner Dr.) Property damage especially during high water
- Dave Eilertson (2611 Baumgartner Dr.) Property damage
- Mike Olson (2527 Baumgartner Dr.) More high powered boats b-line to main channel/I-90 bridge
- Dyanne Brudos (2529 Baumgartner Dr.) Safety – fishing kayaking
- Bob Sargent (2533 Baumgartner Dr.) Erosion and then trees begin to have roots exposed and collapse. On-going situation with moving docks
- Glenna Temple (2623 Bayview Ct.) Significant speeds on French slough
 - o Discussion on number of buoys, who places buoys, etc.
 - o Marc discussed local regulations necessary for public safety concerns

Public information meeting closed at 4:53 p.m.

- Captain Horstman mentioned French Slough channel shallowness on west side
- Has seen plenty of violations, as he also uses this landing
- The length of this zone is approximately 2,400 feet from the boat landing to the I-90 bridge
- John Fisher also noted safety issues as a canoeist
- A motion was made by Captain Horstman, seconded by Bob Seaquist to approve the upper French Slough area No Wake Zone. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- No public comment.

4. Commissioner Comments and Concerns

- John Fisher expressed concern that county/city needs a better way to receive comment on No Wake Zone designation
- Secretary Green noted this public informational meeting was advertised in last Friday's (8-17) La Crosse Tribune Hometown section. Commissioner Seaquist acknowledged seeing the ad.
- Discussion on general No Wake Zones.
- Commissioner Tom Thompson (Coleman Slough) – wants this No Wake Zone request to move forward. Said he would follow-up with staff.

5. Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association meeting (August 16th & 17th)

- John Fisher and Karl Green attend the 2012 WCPA in Bayfield
- Les Wendel from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation spoke to the WCPA, recommending a state-wide commercial ports plan.
- Lobby Day in Madison in November with us to try to organize
- Coordinate with Jim Hill. Marc Shultz will begin discussions with LADCO
- Coordinate with other Economic Development organizations

6. Harbor Commission Job Description & Potential EDA Planning Grant

- Update on discussion on US EDA Planning Grant. Staff will pursue criteria regarding the application for this program.

7. Harbor Commission Annual Budget review & recommendation

- A motion was made by John Fisher to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Bob Seaquist. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 2012 Monthly Calendar of Events Review

- Reviewed monthly calendar of events.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Suggestion for Ports Association meeting in Madison rather than along the Port cities.
- Ports day follow-up with WCPA
- EDA grant follow-up

10. Adjourn

A motion was made by Tom Thompson to adjourn, seconded by John Fisher. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Approved, 09/17/2012, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Secretary