

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, November, 12, 2012

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Commissioner Steve Earp, Commissioner James Bertram, Commissioner Tom Thompson, Commissioner Bob Seaquist

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Donald Meyer, Captain Michael Horstman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF/GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension, Larry Kirch, City Planner (4:35)

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Meeter, Dan Frost, Adam Binsfield, Mike Binsfield

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

1) Approval of the minutes of the October 15th meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

- A motion was made by Thomas Thompson to approve the October 15th minutes, John Fisher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Public Comment

- No public comment.

3) Commissioner Comments and Concern

- Houseboat along cat gut slough that looked abandoned has been moved.

4) Nomination of Officers

- Nomination of John Fisher for Vice President, HC
- Nomination of Marc Schultz for President, HC
- A motion was made by James Bertram to close nominations, Steve Earp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Outdoor Recreation Alliance – La Crosse River Riverside Park Non-Motorized Boat Landing

- Brian Meeter spoke regarding this proposal.
- 30 active paddler/members of the Water Trails Committee.
- 2 options looking for grant funding.
 - o 1st option: Soft landing gravel pad accessible during various water stages ~Est. 1-5K
 - o 2nd option: Premier take out for Riverside ~Est. 50-60K
- Concern was expressed by public member regarding no fees charged to non-motorized boaters and safety of blue routes on Mississippi River.
- A motion was made by John Fisher to support idea of La Crosse River take out, Bob Seaquist seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) County Chapter 30 Ordinance Review/City Chapter 11 Review

- Reviewed City of La Crosse Chapter 11, and County Chapter 30 ordinance
- A motion was made by Thomas Thompson to keep ordinances as they stand, Wayne Oliver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Harold E. Craig Fleeting Site Potential Improvements

- A motion was made by John Fisher to shift order, Thomas Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Significant scouring is occurring on downward side of riprap at Harold E. Craig fleeting facility.
- Brennan Marine (\$29-\$33/ton) ~Est. \$44,000 for ~260 lineal feet of construction (estimate)
- Will continue to scour, but based on H2O levels moving → 3 year Statement of Intentions
 - o Check with John Hendrickson if CORPS could do volunteer study (Marc Schultz).
- High priority projects?
 - o Can we add this to 2013
 - o Put on next month's agenda
 - State limits on minimum project cost
 - Can we do application in February under emergency request

8) Frac Sand presentation by Karl Green

- UW Extension CNRED Educator gave a presentation on frac sand mining in western Wisconsin, in relation to potential barge traffic due to frac sand hauling.

9) 2012 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review

- Election of officers
- Annual meeting in January
- Harold E. Craig fleeting site

10) Future Agenda Items

- Harold E. Craig fleeting site

11) Adjourn

- A motion was made by Thomas Thompson to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting.
Karl Green, Harbor Commission Secretary.