

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, March 21, 2011

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, Commissioner Tom Thompson, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Commissioner Don Meyer, Captain Michael Horstman, Commissioner Tom Sweeney, Commissioner James Bertram

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Steve Earp

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Fisher-VP

STAFF/GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension
Larry Kirch, City Planner (arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Nissen

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

- 1) **Approval of the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.**
 - A motion was made by Wayne Oliver to approve February 21st's minutes, Don Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion by Tom Sweeney to change the February meeting minutes. Note: January does not finalize motions. (ex. Motion carries)
 - Secretary was asked to review and make necessary changes to past January and February meeting minutes.
- 2) **Public Comment**
 - None
- 3) **Commissioner Comments and Concern**
- 4) **Port of La Crosse Harbor & Waterfront Plan update**
 - Updated board that final public role out of plan will be in April.
 - Larry K. to receive at the end of this month. Each entity will be able to introduce in May or June.
- 5) **Annual Report of the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners**
 - Update: County Board has seen report, City Council received and filed in January.
 - No action necessary.
- 6) **Buoy Permitting issues**
 - After careful review, County has determined it makes most fiscal sense to either contract this service out (with costs covered by Buoy fees) or have Harbor Commissioners volunteer to duties.
 - Coast Guard Auxiliary was suggested as a possible third option to check buoy placement. Commissioner Sweeney to check with Marion Byerson to see if this fits into their organization's mission.
- 7) **Agency Reports**
 - A) **Corp of Engineers**
 - Kevin Berg called- unable to attend due to recent flooding issues. Will try to come next month.

B) US Fish & Wildlife

- Kansas City Design Build Firm- Building construction started
 - Maintenance Building (summer)
 - Main Building (late fall)
 - Commissioned (winter 2011)
- Environmental Assessment on Neighboring Serizan Tract
- Wildlife Dependent trails-> Connection with Harbor and Waterfront Plan
- Pool 8 islands Phase III
 - 2011 final year of construction.
 - Although, the floating fence is well marked, this activity will limit public use around constriction area until completed.

8) Navy League/Coast Guard presentation (Sweeney)

- May is "Safe Boater Month"
- Commissioner Sweeney asked if we could tie the Safe Boater proclamation in to a public invitation to the Navy League. May 5, 2011 as per Navy League handout
 - Mayor asked to make proclamation
 - County Board Chair will be asked to make joint proclamation

9) 2011 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review

- Check with Corp of Engineering
- Proclamation for Boater Safety Month
- April 20th, next Harbor Plan Meeting

10) Future Agenda Items

- WDNR- Warden and Waterways/fisheries
 - Bill Yearman is being replaced, Jim Bertram will follow-up on who his replacement is.
- Update on high water
- May Meeting (Harbor Plan)
 - To go before Joint Board Harbor Commission
- No wake zone press release

11) Adjourn

- Motion by Thompson to adjourn. Seconded by Oliver. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 5:23 p.m.

Approved, 04/18/2011, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Secretary.