

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, May 16, 2011

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Captain Michael Horstman (left at 5:04 p.m.), Commissioner James Bertram

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Steve Earp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Tom Thompson and Commissioner Don Meyer

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Olson, Keith Carson, Tom Faella, Jim Moe, Gary Jacob, Regina Lashore, Bob Seaquist, Jim Ehrsam, and Sue Schultz (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)

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

1) Approval of the minutes of the April 18th, 2011 meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

- A motion was made by John Fisher to approve April 18th's minutes, Wayne Oliver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Public Comment

- Jim Ehrsam: opposed to permit fee. Can 100' slow-no-wake be increased to 125'-150'?
- Jim Moe: opposed to permit fee. Wants better enforcement on river.
- Gary Jacob: opposed to permit fee. Punishment of good actors not bad actors. Spent \$30,000 on dock repair. Wants a citation program that pays for costs by penalizing bad actors. Also stated his opinion that damage is occurring to beach area by Waterski Clubs.
- Keith Carson: Waterski Club is okay with fee, disagreed with Mr. Jacob's regarding damage and causation.
- Regina Lashore (Army Corps of Engineers): Chairman Schultz indicated the permit is on behalf of the Onalaska Lake District, and not responsibility of the Army Corps of Engineers. Wants a letter that buoy fees will be rescinded.

3) Commissioner Comments and Concern

a) New Membership

- Bob Seaquist from La Crosse City Council was present. Mayor hasn't appointed anyone at this point.

4) Port of La Crosse Harbor and Waterfront Plan update

- Jon Hoffman to have complete by May 25th
 - a) Plan presentation to local municipalities/County Board
 - Board willing to help with plan presentation.
 - Chairman Schultz would like implementation adoption schedule.

5) Buoy Permitting Issues

a) Letter to Coast Guard Auxiliary

Waiting to hear back from Marion. Jim Bertram said he would follow-up.

b) Buoy permitting letter

Distributed copy of letter. Discussed sending in October/November to remind permit holders who may be absent during winter about March 31st deadline.

- 6) Agency Reports**
a) Wisconsin DNR
- Carrie Olson- She is the Water Management Specialist. Her jurisdiction/duties include:
 - WDNR permitting for pier programs.
 - Boat house permitting program
 - Permits required for any upgrades to structures along river
 - Dredging and rip-rapping along shorelines
 - Weed control along shorelines
 - Barge fleeting facilities permitting
 - Miscellaneous structures and lock and dams, such as "free flow power"
- 7) Riverfest Safety Program**
- Proclamation to go through county this week.
 - Harbor Commissioners will volunteer on their own.
- 8) Wisconsin Department of Transportation Economic Impact of Wisconsin's Commercial Ports Publication**
- Handed out
- 9) 2011 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review**
- Reviewed Calendar
 - Added future items as listed below
- 10) Future Agenda Items**
- Free Flow Power (free-flow-power.com)
 - Harbor Plan and Waterfront Update
 - Fees to Commercial Ports Association
- 11) Adjourn**
- Motion by Fisher to adjourn. Seconded by Oliver. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 5:59 p.m.

Approved, 06/20/2011, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Secretary.