

**Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance  
Tuesday January 9, 2018  
TCRPC Offices**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>The Nature Conservancy:</b>	Jason Beverlin, and Doug Blodgett
<b>Heartland Water Resources Council:</b>	Tom Tincher
<b>Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:</b>	Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Eric Miller, and Ray Lees
<b>Army Corps of Engineers:</b>	Jackie Veniger- via phone

**1. Call to Order**

Bruner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment

**3. Approval of Meeting minutes for December 12, 2017**

Beverlin moved to approve meeting minutes for December 12, 2017 and Tincher seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Housekeeping**

a. Meeting goals

- Bruner explained the purpose of the meeting is to review the screening criteria results and continued the discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tool.

b. Establishing PRC meeting to have testimony from subject matter experts

- Bruner talked about Lees and Ingram going to the U of I and having John Marlin planning instructor come to the additional PRC meeting for a presentation, and to have Noni Bosick and Mike Dimensia also. Lees said that Marlin's presentation would be 1 hour of presentation and maybe 30 minutes of Q & A. If Marlin cannot have that amount of time he does not think it is worth his time to come from Champaign.
- Blodgett is concerned if we focus on 1 item will this make other focus on 1 and not be bias on projects. Also, the time commitment could also be an issue. Could we say this is an informational meeting?
- Beverlin mentioned to ask if they want this meeting and what they want to hear about.

- Blodgett asked what is there high priority of having persons understanding the spreadsheet, and fact sheets
- Veniger suggested to have a Q & A on the fact spreadsheet.

## **5. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan**

### **a. Fact Sheet Grading Results (Handout)**

- Bruner replied there was only 8 responses of the Fact Sheet Benefits Matrix. He asked if PLBA members should contact the PRC persons to complete the Fact Sheet Benefits Matrix? He then proceeded to explain the results of the fact sheet.
- Tincher asked about and discussed the components of the matrix and how they should be used.
- Beverlin said that some of the matrix on fact sheets are duplications
- Miller replied we will combine if we need to.
- Beverlin asked if we should have a meeting to rank together? What is the thought process?
- Miller suggested in having a voluntary education meeting, and talk about projects that will be fundable.
- Beverlin wants to have a Q&A on ranking and ask question on projects we don't understand and to not have a subject matter meeting.
- Tincher mentioned to categorize the matrix sheet and then review it in that context.
- Beverlin mentioned that the ACEO will take matrix and categorize then move onto next phase and ranking. Feels the focus should be on the ranking.

### **b. Prioritization Criteria**

- Bruner and Abi-Akar explained the tool of the Multi Criteria Decision Matrix
- Blodgett and Miller asked to keep the document simple as possible for rating.
- Miller asked if we are sticking to scope of work as assigned to ACOE.
- Beverlin asked Veniger how would you handle this? She replied by formulating alternation. Justifications responses will be sent out on projects that are taken out. When cost is figured into the alternative she feels cost will be a big factor of what to work on.
- Blodgett said the plan is a tool of support, so you logically go after a project. This cannot work for all. Work on projects that have most support.

- Beverlin said the fact sheets need to be grouped together and not have anything eliminated and have ACOE have reason for elimination.
- Bruner and Abi-Akar said we will not press the 10 persons that did not send in their worksheets.
- Miller said there is more work to do on tool and to not have a PRC meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. We will use this plan the way for comprehensive use.

## **6. Member Reports**

- a. Heartland Water Resources Council-nothing
- b. The Nature Conservancy  
Blodgett we are moving into new place. Open House will be in the summer
- c. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission  
Abi-Akar updated on the Water Supply Planning in Peoria on January 24<sup>th</sup>

## **7. Other**

- a. Next scheduled meeting is
  - i. Tuesday, January 23, 2018
  - ii. Tuesday, February 6, 2018

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm