

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE
SPECIAL
Monday July 25, 2017
12:00 pm
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

The Nature Conservancy:	Jason Beverlin, Doug Blodgett
Heartland Water Resources Council:	Wayne Ingram, and Tom Tincher
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:	Michael Bruner, Russ Crawford via phone, Mackenzie Clauss, Ray Lees, Eric Miller, and Reema Abi-Akar
Army Corp of Engineers	Jackie Veninger via phone

I. Call to Order

Ingram called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

II. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

1. Open House Overview

- Bruner updated on the general comments and SWOT analysis data opportunity- (storm water tax)
- Ingram stated he thought it was Storm Water Utilities
- Bruner reported on the further vision station data and Innovation Board data.
- Abi-Akar reported on the survey results of being 49 respondents
- Bruner reported on the full event
- Blodgett said it was a great job from staff, content and attendance
- Beverlin said it was a great location
- Tincher said great energy
- Beverlin said that ACOE was interested in answering in the Q&A which is very relevant.
- Blodgett mentioned there was no grandstanding. The Q&A was very relevant.
- Crawford said good job by all, presentation was good and Q&A was good. The presentation was a little long but improvement on time and energy in stations is needed. Suggested to split presentation, then stations, then back to presentation and Q&A
- Veninger thought it was very successful. Need input from station, may need to herd people to stations. May have group feedback instead of individual.
- Beverlin felt they had opportunity to give feedback if they choose to.
- Veninger asked who is landowner or group agencies

- Crawford replied they are the stakeholders, but do need to include land owners not just organizations. Plumley did excellent job of answering questions.
- Blodgett felt we did not capture relative priority of problem. Need to catch most important problem and what action should be taken.
- Ingram asked what are we going to do with responses. Bruner said they will take from both meetings of what progress will be.

2. Discussion of Stakeholder Meeting

- Bruner reported that Task 1 is complete. Next is to have a meeting with stakeholders and recreation users. Separate meetings will be held. Blodgett mentioned so 5 or 6 meetings.
- Beverlin suggested using surveys. May need to tweak the survey.
- Tincher suggested that we have a lack of property owners on the list and they would be significant to add. Need to look at Economic Development and lakefront endeavors (property owners)
- Blodgett said to fine tune the survey and send out to CAT, Bass Pro, etc.
- Miller said to have surveys instead of meetings. Blodgett said yes, will get more information.
- Blodgett asked Veninger her thoughts on surveys instead of meetings?
- Veninger suggested more face to face meetings and you can survey the smaller groups.
- Tincher suggested to have 1 general meeting, then break out into groups of surveys and discussion.
- Crawford said to have all in 1 room then break into groups of Q&A and surveys.
- Miller suggested to do survey then see if they want to meet. Engage in people and see what issues they have. Have an option to meeting with groups and people.
- Blodgett said they may be interested of wanting to come to meeting but time of meeting may not be convenient.
- Beverlin suggested to make survey online.
- Ingram asked what about web cast, is that available.
- Miller said to add emails and addresses to lists.
- Beverlin said to tweak questions.
- Crawford said to rank in order of problems, but don't change questions. Survey for stakeholders or public?
- Blodgett said we need additional information for public and stakeholders. How are we going to rank? Identify problem and which is biggest item or what can we fix. Refine the questions.
- Crawford said to have separate stakeholder survey.
- Beverlin said to have a survey and not a face to face meeting.
- Crawford asked who is going to contact the people, it should be someone that knows them.

- Beverlin said it is important to get information on survey to gather input.
 - Tincher feels the stakeholder meeting is important to get surveys and suggestions and to clarify with 1 on 1 stakeholders.
 - Veninger said to not supersede Task 2 with 3. Need to use criteria and results for potential projects.
 - Ingram said to revise survey and send out along with asking if they want a meeting.
3. Stakeholder Invitee list (handout)
Discussed persons on list.

III. Other

- Will wait on feedback of Open House, then revise survey when complete.
- Next meeting will be August 8th @ noon.

IV. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:45pm