

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE
SPECIAL
Monday August 8, 2017
12:00 pm
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2017 and Special Meeting July 25, 2017

Crawford moved to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes and Beverlin seconded. Motion carried.

Crawford moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of July 25, 2017 and Beverlin seconded. Motion carried.

III. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

1. Stakeholder Survey

Bruner explained the survey the staff created.

- Blodgett reviewed his concerns and issues of the survey.
- Crawford said the on Q3 all 5 should be listed as problems of Peoria Lakes.
- Beverlin and Blodgett said all persons should interpret the questions the same way. Need to simplify the survey and consolidate the questions. Plus remove questions 2 thru 11.
- Abi-Akar said they are using a free survey application to compile results
- Miller said we should not hold back and use a ranking application.
- Blodgett said we need to have what is most important problem and what we need to do about it. Have the concerns ranked. What we should be using our resources on.
- Crawford asked what we expect this survey will do for the stakeholders.

- Miller said we should use this survey instead of holding 8 meetings. Need to have more information for staff to create survey the committee wants.
 - Crawford said to have consensus or get information from stakeholders and present list of projects to PRC.
 - Beverlin said to ask questions we only want answers to.
 - Bruner said we do need input from public.
 - Blodgett commented on “What projects will they support?” and “What is our highest priority?” From your perspective what is your priority? Most important for people or habitats? What will people support for the lakes?
 - Tinchler mentioned the importance of sedimentation and to have sustainable results.
 - Beverlin said to consider 3 questions and eliminate all others.
 - Miller said to have a vocabulary meaning memo.
 - Tinchler discussed the CSO abating problem.
2. Stakeholder Email
Bruner said he has the email list complete.

IV. Member Reports

1. Heartland Water Resources Council
Tinchler updated on the plans of support for the Peoria Sanitary District and Rivertown USA
2. The Nature Conservancy
Beverlin mentioned the Governors for Rivers is September 12 thru 14, 2017 at Emoquin.
Walls are going up in office at Emoquin
3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
 - Miller updated the kick off the new website will be within a few months.
 - Lees reported on Kathy Brown of U of I Extension

V. Other

VI. Discuss Next Meeting Date

August 29th, and September 19th

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:45pm

The following changes were made to the Survey:

- Question 1 Second paragraph in red
- Question 2 first paragraph on page 2 in red
- Question 3 second paragraph on page 2 in red change abating to reduce pollutants

Eliminate Question 1 and 2 thru 11 in black

- Question 4 Do you have additional comments to share?
- Question 5 Would you like to receive future emails regarding the Peoria Lakes planning process?
- Question 6 Would you be willing to participate in future meeting regarding the Peoria Lakes?
- Question 7 Are there any projects you are preparing for?

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