

**Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance
SPECIAL
Tuesday August 29, 2017
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

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

I. Call to Order

Van Winkle called meeting to order at 12:00

II. Public Comment

No public comment

III. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Plan

1. Project Status (Communication Plan)

- Bruner updated status of project
- No additional comments

2. Stakeholder Survey Data

- Abi-Akar explained survey results
 - Tincher suggested to get list of projects that other organizations are currently working on in regards to survey question 4
- Bruner initiates discussion on planning an in-person stakeholder meeting
 - Beverlin unclear on purpose of meeting- what would be gained that we already don't know
 - Van Winkle agrees
 - Veninger expressed if no meeting than there needs to be efforts to reach out to stakeholders and make sure input is being addressed

- Crawford suggested to share results to a wider audience and encourage feedback to save time and cost of planning a meeting
- Van Winkle asked how meeting would be different than PRC meeting invites
 - Bruner explains it would be all stakeholders plus PRC
- Beverlin suggested time better spent focusing on PRC and to just send out data and results
- Bruner explained the meeting would be to report open house results, survey results and the Corps' list of measures
- Veninger asked if there was overlap on who took the survey and who is on the PRC
 - Abi-Akar said she can go back through results and provide that information
 - Veninger said if there is an overlap the meeting may be unnecessary
- Crawford suggested communicating data and results to the media
 - Miller agreed that they can reach out to media contacts that have already been involved in covering this project
- Beverlin suggested sending a newsletter with the information to everyone and focus on PRC for now, and to wait to reach out to media until after settled with PRC
 - General consensus

3. Discussion of Project Review Committee (PRC) and member invitations

- Crawford addressed the need for clear guidelines for the PRC and supplying the PRC with the necessary inputs
 - All data (including open house and stakeholder input)
 - USACE conservation measures lists
 - Solution Selection Matrix (Ranking tool)
 - This tool will be weighted by sustainability, feasibility, and Project owner
 - USACE Open House Presentation
- Miller asked what role the PRC has in testifying conservation measures impacts
- Tincher asked Veninger to define measures
 - Veninger said measures are the action steps in obtaining certain goals- the components/measures needed to be taken to reach the goal
- Veninger explains that the Corps is creating a list of measures based on the data results and own knowledge

- Beverlin suggested that the Corps presents this information to the PRC and have real scientific information to show what will work
- Beverlin suggested to add a step in the process to let the PRC comment on the criteria and matrix before finalized
 - Crawford disagreed
 - Beverlin said to at least allow them to make small comments
 - Ingram suggested to edit and update document to help establish a clear consensus on this
 - Crawford agrees and said he will provide that document
- Bruner explains the PRC invite letter and what's included
 - Crawford requested more time to look over letter and give feedback at a later date
- Beverlin suggested next meeting be entirely focused on PRC including the letter
 - Abi-Akar confirmed next regular meeting is on September 19, 2017.
 - Beverlin suggested to use weekly phone meetings to work on PRC invitation and roles and responsibilities
 - Ingram concludes that Tuesday phone call meetings will be utilized to continue discussion
- Veninger confirms that list of measurements will be ready in a week
- Bruner said he will send out the PRC letter and the approved roles and responsibilities document for everyone to review
- Bruner asked to work with Crawford on creating the matrix tool
 - Both agreed to schedule a time to meet

IV. Other
None

V. Adjournment
Adjourned at 1:55pm