

**Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance
Tuesday December 12, 2017
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

The Nature Conservancy: Jason Beverlin, and Doug Blodgett-via phone

Heartland Water Resources Council: Steve Van Winkle, Tom Tincher, and Wayne Ingram

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Eric Miller, and Ray Lees

Army Corps of Engineers:

1. Call to Order

Van Winkle called meeting to order at 12:00

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Meeting minutes for October 10, 2017, October 24, 2017, and November 14, 2017

Miller moved to approve meeting minutes for October 10, 2017, October 24, 2017, and November 14, 2017 and Ingram seconded. Motion carried.

4. Housekeeping

a. Meeting goals

Bruner explained the format for the start of planning for the 2nd Open House.

b. McClugage Bridge (U.S. 150 Project)

Miller explained the planning and engineering for the East Bound 150 bridge. The Corp wants to do some dredging for the new bridge. IDOT has talked to Corp about it. Questions were raised as to where the sediments would be put? Ingram asked when the project will start, and Bruner said 2020. Bruner will keep committee updated on project elements.

5. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

a. Update on Subject Matter Expert Meeting

Ingram and Lees reported on the 1 ½ hour meeting they had with UIUC Subject Matter Experts to discuss conservation issues in the Peoria Lakes. Lees informed them who all is involved with Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation planning process, what's been done, and next steps. Ingram discussed historical conservation issues with the Lakes and a benefit matrix of the Fact Sheets developed by the USACE and PRC members.

b. Public Open House

Bruner updated the Public Open House will be held March 1st at the Gateway Building from 3 to 5:30. Doors will open at 2:30.

c. Prioritization Criteria

Bruner updated the PLBA on the screening criteria that was consider for the initial tool, but ultimately decided to be considered for the 2nd tool that will prioritize the conservation alternatives. Bruner went on to explain that the USACE will develop and initial array of project from the initial tool results by February 1st and the PLBA will have an opportunity to review and discuss the initial array of projects during the February 6 PLBA meeting. Bruner asked the PLBA to start thinking about the second tool and the criteria they would like to be considered.

Discussion was held on decision making of projects.

- Recommend having PLBA and Army Corps on same page of project
- January 9, 2018 review screening criteria
- January 23, 2018 finalize discussion of final Open House.

6. Member Reports

a. Heartland Water Resources Council

- Tincher updated that he is continuing to work with the cities on Heartland Criteria and with Alex Greeves of Spirit of Peoria.

b. The Nature Conservancy

- Beverlin updated that new furniture has arrived for office on Friday.
- By ways does have money to redo website

c. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

- Abi-Akar updated on the Regional Water Supply Planning for 7 counties. On January 4th at the North Branch of Peoria Public Library for Illinois State Water survey and drinking water demand.
- Miller updated on Nutrient Farming and dredging on and the Peoria Barge terminal. Atherton, Silverton and Hanley for developing property for region.

7. Other

- a. Next scheduled meeting is
 - i. Tuesday, January 9, 2018
 - ii. Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Van Winkle stated Eric Miller of Tri-County will be the chairman of PLBA starting January 2018.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm