

Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance

“A Unified Voice for the Restoration and Preservation of the Peoria Lakes”

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PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

12:00 pm

TCRPC Offices
456 Fulton St, Suite 401
Peoria, IL

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2017 and Special Meeting June 26, 2017
- III. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan
 1. Open House Stations
 2. Open House Handout
 3. Open House Logistics
 4. Project Depth and Boundaries
- IV. Member Reports
 1. Heartland Water Resources Council
 2. The Nature Conservancy
 3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
- V. Other
- VI. Discuss Next Meeting Date
- VII. Adjournment

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE
SPECIAL
Tuesday June 13, 2017
12:00 pm
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

The Nature Conservancy:

Heartland Water Resources Council:

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Doug Blodgett, Jason Beverlin

Steve Van Winkle, Wayne Ingram,

Eric Miller, Ray Lees, Michael Bruner

Russ Crawford, Mackenzie Clauss,

Britney West, and Reema Abi-Akar

Jackie Veninger via phone ACEO

I. Call to Order

Van Winkle called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Bruner introduced Reema the new Planner I, Mackenzie Clauss Communications, and Britney, Geography, GIS/ Planner.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2017 and Special Meeting May 30, 2017

Beverlin moved to approve the May 9, 2017 and Special Meeting May 30, 2017 meeting minutes and Crawford seconded. Motion carried.

III. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

1. Update

Bruner mentioned the feedback on the plan from the Corp. had minor tweaks.

2. Survey Questions

- After reviewing questions suggestions were made and changes done.
- Suggested to have information anonymous
- Corps cannot be part of the survey due to specific ACOE regulations.
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3. Project Review Committee (PRC)

Overall ok. Just need to update names

4. PRC Selection Criteria and Roles & Responsibilities (R&R)

- Beverlin suggested that a staff member from TCRPC should be the meeting facilitator. Bruner accepted the position.
- Corps cannot be part of the survey due to specific ACOE regulations.

5. Communication Plan

- After review, the Communication Plan is ok
- TCRPC will have a webpage just for this project
- ACOE will make a draft of presentation by Friday June 16
- Information on the islands will be also in the power point presentation.

IV. Member Reports

1. Heartland Water Resources Council

Tincher handed our revised East Peoria Lower Lake draft plan graphics

2. The Nature Conservancy

- Beverlin said that construction has started on their office at Emiquon.
- Beverlin mention the staff of The Nature Conservancy Illinois Chapters are having a field day at Emoquin

3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Crawford mentioned that Dude Meisinger has resigned from the Commission so he will be helping Dave Zimmerman, Chairman of Tazewell County Board to choose his replacement.

V. Other

VI. Discuss Next Meeting Date

- Special Meeting set for June 26th @ noon
- Regular meeting set for July 11, 2017 @noon

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 2:20pm

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE
SPECIAL
Monday June 26, 2017
12:00 pm
TCRPC Offices**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

The Nature Conservancy:

Doug Blodgett, Jason Beverlin via
phone

Heartland Water Resources Council:

Steve Van Winkle, Wayne Ingram,

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Eric Miller, Michael Bruner

Russ Crawford, Mackenzie Clauss, and
Reema Abi-Akar

I. Call to Order

Van Winkle called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

II. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

1. Survey Questions

Bruner asks for final feedback on survey before it is posted

- Added "agricultural" to the second paragraph, second sentence, third line in the introduction.
- Survey link can be posted, shared, and taken by anyone. It is an online survey through Google forms.

2. Open House Stations

Abi-Akar and Bruner present the stations

- SWOT Analysis
- Innovation Board
- Future Vision Exercise
 - Miller suggests having an outlined map of Peoria Lakes to help visualize
 - Crawford suggests having participants leave contact information in case of future questions
- Large map with stickers
 - Miller recommends to list hunting as an option
- Conceptual Ecological Model
 - Corps designing this station
- Fishing for Facts
- Peoria Lakes Photos
 - Van Winkle suggests encouraging both positive and negative photos of the Lakes

- Ecological exhibit
 - Van Winkle asks if we could compare history to today
 - Bruner ensured that he will ask for that type of information from the Peoria Riverfront Museum
 - Bruner mentions another idea that was left out of the presentation- cylinder tank showcasing the water depth of the Lakes
- Other Elements
 - Tablets for survey, live polling, comment box, photo opportunity, gold fish guessing game
 - Blodgett asked about showing the Illinois State Water Survey video
 - Bruner confirms this will be played at the open house
 - Bruner will send the PowerPoint to everyone to review
 - The presentation will be given at the very beginning of event
 - Miller suggests recording the presentation at event
 - Crawford said its important we emphasize the misconceptions of the island-regarding the bumper sticker

3. Flyer

- Take-away contact flyer for post event information

4. Website

Bruner and Abi-Akar present website

- Blodgett asks when it will be live and requests to be sent the link when it is live
 - Miller suggests goal to be by the end of the week

III. Other

- **Crawford requests more contributions to the roles and responsibilities**
 - Bruner and Abi-Akar will research more into that

IV. Discuss Next Meeting Date

- Moving weekly (phone) meeting from 6/27 @ 9:30 to 6/28 @ 9:30
- Regular meeting set for July 11, 2017 @noon

V. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:05pm

Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan: Depth & Boundaries

	In Scope	Out of Scope
Geographic Area	The geographic area of water identified as the Peoria Lakes	Outside of the area identified as the Peoria Lakes (other water & land)
Methods	Obtaining citizen and stakeholder input through multiple methodologies and collaboration	
	Developing a list of potential replicable projects	Implementation of potential replication projects
Ideologies	Consideration of citizen input in planning process	Forcing preconceived notions regarding causes or solutions