

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE**  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 3:30 pm  
456 Fulton Street, Suite 401  
Peoria, IL 61602

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

**Attendees**

The Nature Conservancy:	Jason Beverlin
Heartland Water Resources Council:	Tom Tincher, Wayne Ingram
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:	Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Eric Miller, Russ Crawford, Roy Bockler
US Army Corps of Engineers:	Chuck Theiling (via phone)
Also Present:	Eng Seng Loh

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of meeting minutes for August 28 and September 18, 2018**

Beverlin moved to approve both the August 28 and September 18 minutes, and Ingram seconded. Motion carries.

**4. Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan**

**a. Plan Approval**

Bruner presented the final draft of the plan to date, saying that he had received comments from members of the PLBA in the past and incorporated them where applicable. Loh suggested to show dollar ranges where possible in the plan, and the group considered this if the information is available. Theiling mentioned that there is a 2004 navigation study that includes a cost index relating it to 2018. Crawford said that this is a living document.

Crawford said that the replication narrative should be in the body of the report. He indicated that he would like to rewrite this once more and send his updates to TCRPC. Loh asked about the communication plan, and there was discussion about it. Miller said that TCRPC will ensure that a finalized communication plan will be developed. Bockler mentioned that this plan will be more easily accessible if it were distributed in print rather than only digitally. Abi-Akar and Bruner confirmed that this will happen.

Crawford mentioned a change management plan. Theiling said that these are called adaptive management plans in the USACE. Theiling also said that the sediment survey, island design workshop, and a hydraulic 2D model of the Lakes are all part of an adaptive management process. Beverlin said that an adaptive management plan should be a priority.

The group agreed to change the location of the Nutrient Farming measure to the whole lake; in the report it had previously been designated as only one location. Crawford said that this is a living document.

The plan was approved.

## **5. Heartland Water Resources Council Presentation**

- a. Agenda topics:
  - i. Review Peoria Lakes Navigation and Conservation Improvement Plan and consider recommendations
  - ii. Review Peoria Lakes Lakefront Development Scenic Byway and Community Revitalization Plan and consider recommendations
  - iii. Review Peoria Lakes Improvements and Lakefront Development Plan
    - o Phase I projects and consider recommendations
- b. Short summary of presentation:

Tincher spoke about the project that he has been working on for some time, including multiple elements ranging from environmental to economic development. The focus is to create a memorable Peoria area through landmarks and regional development, with a link to conservation. Tincher said that he has been meeting with jurisdictions around the area, saying that numerous public stakeholders are on board with this project.

He explained how this project includes both conservation and economic development elements, the latter of which could serve as funding for ongoing management. Tincher said that this is why it is important to tie both together. He said that he is working on the plans for six separate projects.

Loh asked about the funding of this project, and Tincher responded that since the area would be in a TIF district, that could be one of the major funders, though there could be others. Tincher said that this could become the landmark to the community.

## **6. Member Reports**

- a. **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**

Miller explained that TCRPC is still waiting to hear back about whether there will be further funding from the USACE. He said that Ray Lees has been working on a grant related to the beneficial use of dredged material project. Miller also mentioned that

there will be a set of documentaries produced by H. Wayne Wilson that will be shown on the big screen at the Peoria Riverfront Museum later in October.

**b. The Nature Conservancy**

Beverlin mentioned that waterfowl hunting season will begin at Emiquon three times per week, and that there will be a drawing involved. Beverlin said that their Emiquon facility has achieved LEED certification. Crawford thanked him for hosting the last PLBA meeting.

**c. Heartland Water Resources Council**

(This report was covered under Heartland's previous section on this agenda.)

**7. Other**

**a. Next scheduled meeting(s)**

- i. PLBA—Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.