

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE**  
**Tuesday August 9, 2016**  
**12:00 pm**  
**TCRPC Offices**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

The Nature Conservancy:	Jason Beverlin
Heartland Water Resources Council:	Steve Van Winkle, Mark Hanback, Tom Tincher, Ken Katch
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:	Darrell Meisinger, Eric Miller, Russ Crawford
US Army Corps of Engineers	Marshall Plumley (via phone)

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2016**

Meisinger moved to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes and Katch seconded.  
Motion carried.

**III. Discussion with Marshall Plumley about Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan Scope of Work**

Beverlin announced Marshall Plumley is on the phone to answer any additional questions.

- Plumley explained the process of getting the questions generated by PLBA answered. He said a letter will suffice to document the in-kind time that partners will use as match.
- Miller asked if a delay in receiving the funds will shorten the time we have to complete the work. Plumley said no; it will be one year from when the funds are received.
- Beverlin asked if we can get an extension if there is a time problem. Plumley said we just need to stay within the budget.
- Katch asked what needs to be delivered by October. Plumley said the scope of work needs to be delivered.
- Miller said there will be agreements between TCRPC and each partner for providing the local cost share.
- Plumley said he can provide a model agreement for the agreement between TCRPC and the Army Corps.
- Miller asked Plumley if there are any other concerns and Plumley said no. He is very confident with the scope of work.
- Plumley left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

#### **IV. Discussion of Coordination with Heartland Water Resources Council and Greater Peoria Economic Development Council**

- Tincher presented the outline and asked what things need to be addressed. He feels the lakefront has value as a potential revenue source. He also stated that HWRC and GPEDC want to work together for revenue and attraction of activities.
- Hanback mentioned the lakefront is an attraction tool for large companies in recruiting employees to their company.
- Van Winkle said we need to encourage mobility on the lakes for recreation and resources.
- Crawford emphasized the need of having an attractive riverfront district to attract young professionals to the Peoria area.
- Tincher said the bottom line is the sediment is unmanageable. We need to plan on how to manage the sediment. HWRC's mission is to focus on permanent dredging.
- Van Winkle asked if the Army Corps is keeping the channel open and monitoring the depth of water to avoid problems? Tincher responded no.
- Crawford said Jennifer Daly of GPEDC asked about the role of GPEDC and WRAT. The Army Corps has rules and regulations that we need to go by which may slow down the process.
- Tincher said we need to integrate all plans to benefit the lakes.
  - Tincher mentioned the 5 basic components:  
Collaboration Team, PLBA, GPEDC, Spirit of Peoria, and Mud to Jobs.
- It was addressed that TCRPC or PLBA need to manage the Conservation Plan process. There is a need to emphasize the regional nature of this project.

PLBA Committee is requesting a letter from WRAT to have a member on the committee and Van Winkle seconded. Motion carried.

#### **V. Member Reports**

1. Heartland Water Resources Council: Nothing to report.
2. The Nature Conservancy: Beverlin reported the gates are operational and Dickson Mounds Museum is now open.
3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Nothing to report.

#### **VI. Other**

No further discussion was held.

#### **VII. Discuss Next Meeting Date**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Katch moved to adjourn and Van Winkle seconded. Motion carried.