

**PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE**  
**Tuesday March 14, 2017**  
**12:00 pm**  
**TCRPC Offices**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

The Nature Conservancy:	Jason Beverlin
Heartland Water Resources Council:	Steve Van Winkle, Tom Tincher
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:	Eric Miller, Ray Lees, Michael Bruner Shae Birky via phone

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2016**

Van Winkle moved to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes and Miller seconded. Motion carried.

**III. Update on Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan**

- Lees mentioned they are ready to sign agreement with USACE. Will address dates later in meeting.
- Miller said there will be no activity until the agreement is signed by the Corp. for in kind time. He also mentioned that Washington Times mentioned Trump's infrastructure for consideration of the Peoria Lock and Dams.
- Beverlin said this would be an expansion of the Locks & Dams, plus ecological projects could be addressed.

**IV. Member Reports**

**1. Heartland Water Resources Council**

Tincher said they are moving along with the scope of work for the lakes. Heartland has pledged to the planning initiative. They are holding off on the planning process until the committee can get a more positive feedback of members. EDC is interested in plans of the lakefront planning process.

**2. The Nature Conservancy**

- Birky had nothing to report
- Clean Water Celebration is April 24<sup>th</sup> at Peoria Civic Center
- Beverlin said they got funding for new offices and maintenance building
- Water Control structure is complete.
- Beverlin said that WTVP has produced a movie on Emoquin

### **3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**

- Lees talked about the Port Study being done on the river for a multi modal concept for Pekin frontage road. Ms. Shackelford of Pekin is spoke person for this project.
- Miller said a study is being done but if additional scope of work is needed that can be done if funds are available. What is Peoria's role of using river for moving freights?

### **V. Other**

### **VI. Discuss Next Meeting Date**

April 11 could be date for meeting at Rock Island

### **VII. Adjournment**

Van Winkle moved to adjourn at 12:40 pm and Lees seconded. Motion carried.