

PEORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE
Tuesday May 9, 2017
12:00 pm
TCRPC Offices

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

The Nature Conservancy:	Jason Beverlin, Doug Blodget
Heartland Water Resources Council:	Steve Van Winkle, Tom Tincher, Wayne Ingram,
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:	Eric Miller, Ray Lees, Michael Bruner Russ Crawford
ACEO	Marshall Plumley, and Jackie Veninger via phone

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2017

Ingram moved to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes and Beverlin seconded. Motion carried.

III. Update on Peoria Lakes Comprehensive Conservation Plan

- Miller updated that he had a conference call with Jackie Veninger of logistics and discussed the plan and the 1st Public meeting.
- Bruner presented a project timeline.
- Van Winkle asked what do we want the outcome to be for our efforts
- Miller explained the need for a scope of the outcome.
- Marshall Plumley a document should be created that demonstrates where we stand and public involvement process, public input, most important what the region wants.
- Crawford mentioned to let everyone know what this project is and ask for input.
- Tincher asked what is the reality of the different projects
- Crawford said to introduce who we are and what we want to accomplish. Beverlin and Miler said the document needs to state what we want and to manage the groups interested.
- Crawford suggested a power point of elements and purpose, funding and project options.
- Beverlin said that all materials sent need to be clear and the message needs to be the same.
- Beverlin said we need a communication plan for emails, etc.
- Van Winkle said we need to appreciate the river more.

- Plumley said to add materials of issues needed of river and types of projects the public has concerns about.
- Van Winkle suggested asking what the benefits of changing the river are.
- Blodget mentioned to identify conceptacle projects.
- Miler wants to have different workstations for public to participate. We need to gain as much public input as we can.

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

Beverlin updated that the Emiquon Science Symposium will be Wednesday, May 10, 2017 and the Illinois River Conference will be Sept.12-14 @ Starved Rock

3. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

- Nothing to report

V. Other

- Special meeting May 30 @ noon

VI. Discuss Next Meeting Date

June 13, 2017 @ noon

VII. Adjournment