

EORIA LAKES BASIN ALLIANCE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 am
11304 N Prairie Rd.
Lewistown, Illinois 61542

MINUTES

- 1. Arrive at Emiquon**
- 2. Tour: Canoeing**
- 3. Lunch**
- 4. PLBA Meeting:**
 - a. Call to Order**

Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

Attendees:

The Nature Conservancy: Jason Beverlin

Heartland Water Resources Council: None

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Eric Miller, Reema Abi-Akar, Russ Crawford, Ray Lees, Britney West

- b. Public Comment**

No public comment.

- 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2019**

Miller moved to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes, and Beverlin seconded.

- 6. Old Business**

Abi-Akar discussed some projects that are underway. Regarding the Illinois DNR Engagement, Miller said that Colleen Callahan spoke with them to see if her staff can commit more effort to the Peoria Lakes. He asked if that involved future cost sharing, and she apparently responded with a variation of "yes, but..." with some stipulations. Beverlin confirmed that the IDNR has lots of concerns when it comes to monetary involvement. Miller said that the PLBA must negotiate a path forward by building trust with the IDNR. Beverlin said if we have scientific studies completed for the Peoria Lakes project, the IDNR will gain our trust.

Regarding the Stormwater Management and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Workshop, Lees said that over 80 people attended. Crawford asked how we can help Chuck Theiling with follow up items, and that these should be integrated in a future action plan. Lees said that thanks to the workshop, we now have a larger network of people to tap into for Beneficial Use potential projects. Miller said that Marty Long of Minnesota is working with Don McNeil of Caterpillar regarding benchmarking soil in byproducts from Mapleton. Lees said to be careful with Caterpillar because it may introduce more legal issues and red tape. Crawford noted three future tasks: go over Theiling's report once it is completed, understand benchmarking with Long, and connecting the dots with Caterpillar.

7. New Business

The group discussed no new business.

8. Member Reports

- a. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
No update.

- b. The Nature Conservancy
No update.

- c. Heartland Water Resources Council
No update.

9. Other

- a. **Next scheduled meeting(s)**
 - i. October 9, 2019

10. Adjournment

Crawford adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.