Meeting Minutes
Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners

Monday, July 21, 2014  4:00 PM  3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

Patrick Scheller - Present

Present:  7 - Francis J. Formanek, James C. Bertram, John A. Fisher, Thomas A. Thompson, Marc Schultz, Michael Horstman, Steve Earp

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Formanek, that the minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Request for a Public Hearing for consideration of extending the Bluff Slough Slow No Wake Zone.

Several property owners, along Bluff Slough, feel that the legal description of the Bluff Slough Slow-No-Wake-Zone extension does no accurately depict the Harbor Commission's motion, held on 09/16/2013, to approve the SNWZ extension. Several Commissioners recall that their vote, to approve the SNWZ extension, was based on the aerial image, presented at the meeting, which they believed showed the new boundary extending north to north parcel line of the Clarkin parcel # 17-50030-70. The Commissioners requested a review of the Minutes and aerial map that was on display during the Harbor Commission meeting held on 09/16/2013.

2. Request for approval of two 100' Slow No Wake buoys in French Slough.

Motion by Horstman, seconded by Earp to open the floor for public comment. Motion passed unanimously. A property owner requested to install three 100' slow-no-wake buoys adjacent to his dock located on French Slough. Motion by Horstman, seconded by Earp to close the public comment. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission advised the applicant to work with staff to complete a permit application, including mapped GPS location(s) of the proposed buoy locations, and bring it back to the Commission for review.

3. 2014 Budget

Staff Update: The City of La Crosse's Harbor Sinking Fund is unavailable for travel and administrative expenditures until the City approves the 2015 operational budget.
4. **Budget Process for 2015**

   The Commission requested staff to create a 2015 budget.

5. **Approval of Commissioner(s) attendance at the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association Annual Conference**

   Motion by Horstman, seconded by Formanek, to select John Fisher and Tom Thompson to represent the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners at the Wisconsin Annual Ports Association Conference.

6. **Appointments**

   Donald Meyer stepped down as Harbor Commission member, and Patrick Scheller was appointed as his replacement. Wayne Oliver stepped down as a County Citizen member, and the County is in the process of appointing a new representative.

7. **A Resolution to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of La Crosse and the City of La Crosse Regarding a Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners and Bylaws, to add a member from the City of La Crosse Police Department.**

   In 2014, the La Crosse Police Department added Water Safety Patrol to their mission, and the HC discussed how to best incorporate the the La Crosse Police Department into the Harbor Commission. The Commission requested staff to prepare an amendment to the Commission’s bylaws by adding two members, one member from the LAPD and an additional member from the County. This would ensure that the Commission would have an odd number of voting members.

   No motion at this time.

**Updates:**

Horstman, noted that the frequency of County boat patrol has increased on Lake Neshonoc, and local patrons have provided positive feedback. Earp, commended on the potential need for a marker buoy north of Richmond Bay, indicating a large subsurface sandbar. Several Commission members noted that future Dragon Races should be held along Riverside Park, due to congestion and safety concerns on the Black River - Copeland Park.

**Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, at 4:30 PM. 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall-La Crosse

**Adjournment**

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Bertram, that this meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. 5:01 PM
Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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