Water Use Plan Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 12, 2014
LOCATION: Center for the Inland Bays Indian River Inlet Facility
MEETING CALLED BY: Ed Lewandowski, Chairman

The Inland Bays Water Use Plan Implementation Committee (WUPIC) serves as an ad-hoc advisory body to the Board of Directors of the Center for the Inland Bays, Inc. in identifying environmental impacts and improving conditions related to water use activities in the Delaware’s Inland Bays. The WUPIC is responsible for evaluating and documenting the progress toward implementation of the Inland Bays Water Use Plan and suggesting plausible strategies to ensure achieving successful execution of the plan.

Members attending:
Ed Lewandowski, Chairman
Jenifer Adams-Mitchell (Coastal Kayak, representing eco-tourism)
Dave Ritondo (Coast Guard Auxiliary)
Tom Fowler (Back Bays Tours and Ocean View Marina, representing private marina operators)
Bill Zolper (Dewey Beach Lions Club, representing private recreational boaters)
Bill Baker (Bills Bait and Tackle, representing recreational fishers)

General Public attending:
Mitch Mitchell
Trent Batson
Representative of the “Inland Bays Coalition”

CIB Staff:
Chris Bason, Executive Director
Bob Collins, WUPIC Liaison

Call to Order 5:35 PM

Welcome by the Chairman and Introductions.

Meeting Agenda Review: The chair discussed briefly the history of the Comprehensive Water-Use Plan for Delaware’s Inland Bays and the role of the WUPIC pursuant to the plan. As a matter of procedure, the chair explained that, usually, items not appearing on the published agenda are not addressed until the end of the meeting, but extended an invitation for a member of the “Inland Bays Coalition” to address the committee at that time. This representative noted that he was only attending the meeting as an observer, did not enter comments, and declined to sign-in on the attendance sheet.

There was discussion concerning the Delaware Waterways Management and Financing Advisory Committee and the soon-to-be released report. CIB staff will distribute the report as soon as it becomes available.
Old Business

The WUPIC Liaison reported briefly on the Inland Bays Cleanup (July 12th, 2014) and Coastal Cleanup (September 20, 2014). It was noted by Dave Ritondo, who participated in both events, that the July effort involved both CIB boats and other vessels in a CIB coordinated event. The September event involved Dave and a crew on the CIB’s pontoon boat. Both efforts collected sizable but unquantified amounts of trash and debris.

The WUPIC Liaison also provided an update on the status of Hazardous Debris Removal Projects. A project to remove semi-submerged pilings and decayed bulk-heading structures at the west entrance of White House Beach is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has promised to fund the project. However, insurance requirements of the CIB by DNREC have not been met; compliance is expected in time for targeted completion. Landowner permission has been secured. DNREC has also concluded that there are no permit requirements.

New Business

Bob Collins, Property and Project Manager for the CIB, was introduced as new WUPIC staff liaison.

The chair briefly discussed WUPIC membership and representation.

A meeting schedule was announced: bi-monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on January 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM

The bulk of the meeting involved review of a Summary of Accomplishments of the WUPIC. The detailed list with revisions will be added as an appendix to this document.

No items were addressed in Open Forum.

Chair noted that the next meeting would start the planning process for the Inland Bays Clean-Up.

Adjournment at 6:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Collins, WUPIC Liaison