Water Use Plan Implementation Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 11, 2015
TIME: 6:00pm-7:00pm
LOCATION: Center for the Inland Bays Indian River Inlet Facility
MEETING CALLED BY: Ed Lewandowski, Chair
Next meetings: Inland Bays Cleanup Subcommittee April 15, 2015
Full WUPIC: May 6, 2015

Attending: Ed Lewandowski, Chair; Dave Ritondo, Larry Tush, Tom Fowler, Neil Baker, Jen Mitchell, Doug Long (DNREC, Division of Parks and Recreation), Casey Zolper, (DFW Enforcement), Bill Zolper, Dale Cook, Ram Mohan, Bob Collins (CIB)

Call to Order 6:05 PM

Approval of Minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting (motion, L. Tush, second, D. Long)

Old Business:

“Trash Clean-up “ Subcommittee: will be taking more of an ownership role in the IB Clean-up. They will participate in a special IB Clean-up planning meeting at the CIB Conference Room (6PM). Dewey Beach Lions Club will also be part of this effort.

IB Clean-up information requested for dissemination by the committee: Inlet tides 6:30am High, 12:09pm Low. Budget information is forthcoming.

Responsibilities for the IB Clean-up:
- CIB (Bob Collins): 2 boats, acquisition of the dumpster, food and drink (hot dogs and water), promotion, investigate funding for participant tee shirts.
- DFW Enforcement (Casey Zolper): Prisoners
- Dewey Beach Lions Club (Bill Zolper, Dale Cook): Cooking, volunteers, promotion
- Surfriders (Ram Mohan); volunteers, promotion
- More forthcoming at the April meeting.

Subsequent to the meeting: I have secured a dumpster free-of-charge. I am currently working on securing a member of the General Assembly to authorize DSWA Community Cleanup Initiative money to pay the tipping fee.

The WUPIC did decide to keep the Clean-up based out of Massey’s Landing. There will be discussion of a supplemental Little Assawoman Clean-up in the fall of the year.

“Waterways Management Financing” Subcommittee: No committee action was reported. In subsequent follow-up, Ariane Nichols reported on the electronic survey conducted by the Delaware Waterways Management and Financing Advisory Committee. A survey post card was sent out to one-thousand boat owners directing them to an electronic survey; there was a
request sent electronically to other members of the public to participate in an online survey. (WUPIC members were sent this request on February 2nd.) As of March 4th, 267 surveys were logged. Three general proposals (rebate of highway fuel tax funds, a graduated increase in boat registrations, and local /county cost share programs) all received a majority of support. She noted that there were a number of comments that requested that any funds collect (by whatever method) be dedicated to waterways management.

Hazardous debris removal update: The contract for the White House Beach hazardous debris removal has been completed and a purchase order is in the process of completion; Droney Marine has been contracted to conduct the work. It is expected that the work will be completed during the week of April 6th.

“Aquaculture Conflict Resolution” subcommittee: It was reported that this committee met once but no report was given. Ed Lewandowski reported that he had discussion with Delaware’s Congressional staff(s) and was informed that the US Army Corp of Engineers would be holding a public meeting concerning the DFW-proposed SADA aquaculture sites by the end of March.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Collins