

**Lower Menominee River Area of Concern
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014**

Action Items

- Uvaas will request resources to film the start of fish passage construction.
- Uvaas will develop and distribute a table to organize 2014 community outreach opportunities. CAC members are responsible for reviewing the table and volunteering at outreach opportunities as they see fit.
- Baker and Uvaas will contact Erickson to develop monthly Menominee City Council AOC updates.
- Baker and Uvaas will distribute the agenda for next month's meeting scheduled for February 20 at 6:30PM CST

Participating

Sharon Baker (MDEQ), Cheryl Bougie & Ben Uvaas (WDNR), Mike Bryant (USEPA), John Clark (M&M Great Lakes Sport Fishermen), Mark Erickson (CAC Michigan Co-Chair), Jon Kukuk (Nestegg Marine), Trygve Rhude (Chappee Rapids Audubon), Keith West (Wisconsin CAC Co-Chair)

Ansul Site Betterment Action Update Mike Bryant, USEPA

Tyco has submitted a betterment action proposal through the Great Lakes Legacy Act to the USEPA to continue addressing arsenic impacted sediment. The USEPA has assembled a technical review committee to provide Tyco with comments. A decision is expected in February. If accepted, the betterment action would coordinate the removal and remediation of arsenic impacted glacial till and sediment exceeding 20 parts per million arsenic through a partnership between Tyco and the USEPA. Decisions will be made soon in order to prepare bid package to get contractor on board to take advantage of 2014 field season. Approximately 40,000 cubic yards remain. This action would accelerate the removal of related beneficial use impairments in the Lower Menominee River AOC.

Q Can the CAC do anything to help?

A Not yet, but Bryant and representatives from Tyco will keep the group engaged.

City of Grand Haven Rudder

West updated the group on the status of preserving the rudder from the City of Grand Haven shipwreck. To his surprise, the wreck is actually quite famous in underwater archaeology circles. He forwarded Tyco a contact he made from East Carolina University on the subject, and confirmed for the rudder to be saved it needs to be immersed in a glycol bath.

Menekaunee Harbor Restoration Update Cheryl Bougie and Ben Uvaas, WDNR

The City of Marinette, WDNR, and USEPA are partnering to restore Menekaunee Harbor. The restoration will include repair and replacement of failing shoreline protection, removal of contaminated and excessive sediment, and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. The City anticipates that these activities will lead to the revitalization of the harbor area including a public boat launch and other amenities.

Bougie listed the necessary permits and approvals that must be attained prior to the start of work and discussed the project status (see presentation titled “Menekaunee 1_16_14”). Ayres Associates (the City’s consultant) is developing restoration plans now. They are also developing plans for disposing clean dredge spoils at an undeveloped City owned property (Lot 24). Contaminated material must be disposed of at an appropriate landfill. The WDNR has applied for additional funding from the USEPA to hire a contractor to complete this work during the 2014 field season. CAC members commented that the South Channel has high habitat value, and a pedestrian trail connecting the Menekaunee Harbor to downtown Marinette or the 6th Street Boat Launch would be an asset to the community.

Q Which parties are paying for what?

A Bougie stressed that amenities like a boat launch and docks are not being paid for through this funding request. Bougie and Uvaas were unable to provide exact numbers during the meeting but included this table in the minutes.

	City of Marinette	State of Wisconsin	USEPA through Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Total Estimated Cost
Development of Restoration Plans	\$147,700	\$274,300	\$0	\$422,000
Implementation of Restoration Plans	\$463,774	\$861,296	\$5,105,988	\$6,431,058
Total Estimated Cost	\$611,474	\$1,135,596	\$5,105,988	\$6,853,058

Anticipated 2014 Milestones and CAC Activities Ben Uvaas, WDNR

Uvaas reviewed activities planned for 2014 (see presentation titled “2014 Milestones”) and what they mean for the AOC. The group then discussed potential 2014 community outreach activities.

Tyco and Menekaunee Videos

Uvaas will contact CAC members interested in being interviewed once funding is acquired. Baker suggested that Uvaas also request resources to film the start of fish passage construction. Tyco and the City of Marinette have both are both willing to participate in the videos. Bougie can provide historical still images of both areas.

Community Involvement Ideas and Outreach Events

CAC members felt that new methods are needed to reach more members of the community. Instead of participating in large community events, the group felt that pursuing smaller, more focused groups could yield more captive audiences. A variety of ideas were discussed including a boat tour, presentation to Rotary Club, fishing tournaments, and a field day with Menominee High School clubs. Uvaas will develop a table from the discussion to organize 2014 outreach opportunities and make it available to the CAC for their additions and

comments. He'll include the first draft along with minutes from January. West informed others that the AOC foldout display is currently on display in the UW-Marinette library. Erickson will approach the Menominee Library about exhibiting a copy of the display.

Other Activities

Erickson would like to provide the Menominee City Council with brief monthly AOC updates. Baker and Uvaas will follow up with him after the meeting.

Agency Updates, Public Comment, Other News

CAC members briefly reviewed the City of Marinette's brownfield investigation proposal and chose to sign a letter of support. The CAC had previously signed a letter for support for the proposal.

The annual AOC meeting will be held March 18-19 at the Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building in Chicago. Funding may be available to reimburse your travel expenses. If you're interested in attending please coordinate your travel plans with West.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 20 at 6:30PM. Send agenda items to Baker and Uvaas.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

EPA – <http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/aoc/menominee/index.html>

MDEQ – http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_3677_15430_57388---,00.html

UW-Extension – <http://fyi.uwex.edu/aocs/>

WDNR – <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/greatlakes/menominee.html>