

Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2011

10:00 AM

UW-Extension Conference Room 5024

5 University Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Attendance: Mike Vandersteen, Sheboygan County Board Chair
Steve Sokolowski, City of Sheboygan
Victor Pappas, WDNR Plymouth
Chad Pelishek, City of Sheboygan
Steve McLean, City of Sheboygan
Bill Bitter, City of Sheboygan
Tyler Vorpapel, Congressman Petri's Office
Gina Bayer, CH2M Hill
Heather Williams, USEPA/GLNPO
Huck Raddemann, CH2M Hill
Deb Beyer, UW-Extension
Betsy Galbraith, FWS
Terry Long, US Army Corps
Jessica Winter, NOAA
David Westrop, von Briesen/Chubb
Jack Van Dixhorn, Sheboygan County Board
Pablo N. Valentin, EPA/GLNPO
Ken Aukerman, PRS
Rick Nagle, USEPA, ORC
Tom Wentland, WDNR
Adam Payne, Sheboygan County Administrator
Mark Thimke, Foley & Lardner
Patrick Miles, Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation
Jason Smith, Tecumseh Products
Marc Tuchman, USEPA-GLNPO
Heather Williams, USEPA-GLNPO
Stacy Hron, DNR
Steve Galarneau, DNR
Paula Bizot, NOAA
Ted Vallis, WPS

The Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup meeting began at 10:00 AM with introductions from those present and conference line participants.

Agency updates were provided by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resources.

Superfund Project

- Superfund-Pablo Valentin indicated that dredging started last week. EPA is very close to finalizing the consent decree. EPA has signed off and sent to DOJ. There is also a minor modification to the Project Agreement in order to capture all costs. Ken Aukerman indicated that low water levels are somewhat hampering dredging efforts.
- Camp Marina Status-paperwork is being finalized. A public information meeting will be held before dredging work begins at the site. Project team meetings are ongoing-every Wednesday @ 10:00 AM. It was indicated that the boating community is very acceptable of the project. WPS has distributed over 500 information flyers to the area community. Both Superfund and Camp Marina sites are scheduled to be finished with dredging by December 2011.

Legacy Project

- Legacy-Site Characterization data was presented by Huck Raddemann of CH2M Hill using modeling and 3D images.
- Project Team meetings will begin in a couple of weeks, specifically on Tuesday's at 11:00 AM. Heather Williams of EPA will coordinate.
- Heather Williams of EPA and Chad Pelishek of the City of Sheboygan gave an update and overview of the Army Corps Maintenance Navigational Dredging Project, scheduled for 2012. This navigational dredging will occur from the 8th Street Bridge to Harbor.
- Stacy Hron of DNR gave an update on the proposed Fish & Wildlife Habitat restoration projects on the Sheboygan River AOC that were submitted for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. It was agreed to hold the next Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup meeting in conjunction with the WPS sponsored public information meeting for the Camp Marina dredging project, late afternoon in late May. Details will be forthcoming.

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