



IDNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Coastal Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday February 19, 2020

10:00am CT

Purdue University Northwest

Hammond Campus

Attendees:

Voting: Jim Alexander (NiSource/Industry), Donna Norkus (Porter County City or Town), Brad Miller (Historical Landmarks), Ross Pietrzak (Lake County City or Town / Hobart), Eric Bird (Local Natural Resource Management/TNC), Lynda Lancaster (Dunes National Park)

Non-Voting: Kathy Luther (NIRPC), Elizabeth McCloskey (USFWS)

LMCP Staff: Kacey Alexander, Derek Nimetz, Sarah Nimetz, Kathryn Vallis, Jenny Orsburn, Grace Roman

Old Business:

There was not a quorum so the meeting minutes from December could not be approved.

New Business:

Jenny briefly discussed the Section 309 Program Enhancement Plan draft strategies. These strategies are attached.

Program Reports:

Program Information – J. Orsburn

We received our draft numbers from NOAA which is an increase from last year. Bri Ciara left the Coastal Program. The special coordinator position will be posted soon.

LMCP Grant Program – S. Nimetz

The 2020 grants have received conditional state approval. These should be approved by NOAA in August or September.

Coastal Area Resource Management – D. Nimetz



Indiana Department
of Natural Resources

A contractor worked on the removal of woody plants at Springfield Fen. There is an ecological contractor whom will be doing similar at Mccloskey.

6217 Nonpoint source pollution program – J. Orsburn

We will hopefully be finishing off the last required 6217 measure to get the program fully approved. The last measure that we are working on is the Septic measure. Our final submission regarding measure is due to NOAA May 31st 2020.

LAMP/RAP Coordination – J. Orsburn

The current LAMP schedule has been submitted to EPA for update. A draft will be available to view in April. Once we have the draft October is the deadline for comments. In the future we will be participating more in order to be more complimentary.

Coastal Planning – K. Vallis

Katie is in the process of updating the Coastal Hazards Planning Guidance for Coastal Communities document and getting it back up on the website.

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2020

6:30pm CST