

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

NIRPC- Lake Michigan Room

October 6, 2016

Members/Guests: Geof Benson, Deb Backhus, Tim Kingsland, Bill Emerson Jr., Cathy Martin, Beth Jacobson, Mike Milatovic, Lauri Keagle, Daniel Goldfarb, Jennifer Gadzala, Kaitlyn McClain, George Topoll, Kevin Breitzke, Reggie Korthals

NIRPC Staff: Kathy Luther, Meredith Stilwell

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

Approval of September 1, 2016 EMPC Minutes

On motion by Bill Emerson Jr. and second by Tim Kingsland, the September 1, 2016 EMPC meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Presentations:

a. LMCP Grant Referral Service – Maggie Byrne, DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

The Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program is able to offer approximately \$600k per year in grant funding, but receive requests for at least \$1m per year. The LMCP is helping by finding alternative funding sources and have developed their funding referral service to aid in the endeavor. Part of the service includes a funding source matrix which is a spreadsheet of more than 100 different government and private grant programs. The spreadsheet details basic vital information about each grant program, such as eligibility, subject rea, matching fund requirements, and a link to the program's webpage. The LMCP currently offers technical assistance and will be offering government grant capacity building workshops in 2017. More information can be found on the coastal grants webpage.

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/6044.htm>

Announcements:

- NIRPC has a released a solicitation for B List projects. Applications are due October 19, 2016. The application is on NIRPC's website.
- NIRPC released an RFP for the Deep River Dam Feasibility Study funded by a LARE grant.
- NIRPC and DNR were both have secured a GLRI Forest Service grant and will be working together on an application for communities and organizations to apply for trees. Wildlife Habitat Council was also awarded a GLRI Forest Service grant.
- The November 3rd EMPC meeting will be held at the Construction Advancement Foundation.
- The Kankakee River National Water Trail dedication will be October 16, 2016.
- Additional meeting, event and funding announcements will be forwarded to the Committee by email.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.