

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS  
OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Kay Nelson, Lisa Frede, Anna-Lisa Castle, Betty Sutton, Robert Wakeman, Matt Doss, Josh Ellis, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Dominique Edwards, and Candice Eklund.

## Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther said the minutes from the In-Person meeting in Chicago are being drafted and will be sent to the Steering Committee (SC) for approval upon completion. The presentations and meeting materials from the meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be made available on NIRPC's website. Only documents approved by the SC can be posted on NIRPC's website. The Operating Principles were created and sent to the SC for approval. Once approved, the document will be shared with the CAWS Advisory Committee. The process for approving documents is as follows:
  - NIRPC will draft summaries of the group meetings
  - Materials and presentations can be posted on website prior to completed meeting notes
  - Provide draft document of the In-Person meetings to full group for approval
  - If attendees believe sentiments were not noted correctly, notify NIRPC in a set amount of time
  - Send updated draft meeting notes to Steering Committee for approval
  - Final meeting notes available to CAWS Advisory Committee
- Kathy Luther will contact the members of the Steering Committee who have not attended conference calls in the last few months.

## Agenda items suggestions for In-Person meeting on December 3, 2019

- Kathy Luther emailed the Policy and Technology Working Group agenda to the Steering Committee for their meeting on December 3, 2019 (from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) CAWS Stakeholder meeting will be held in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Lisa Frede said the CAWS members are welcome to attend the morning session with the Policy and Technology Working Group.
- Jessica Himes, Policy Advisor for the Office of the Illinois Governor, contacted Kathy regarding her absence at the meeting on October 1, 2019, stating she did not have any updates from the Governor's office. Jessica is planning on attending the meeting on December 3, 2019. Jessica has stated the Governor's office is waiting on the draft Planning and Environmental Design (PED) agreement from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- Josh Ellis suggested asking Jessica Himes to present questions and concerns from the Governor's office as well as asking the Governor's office for updates. Josh has previously met with Jessica and offered his assistance, if needed.
- Betty Sutton, Executive Director for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, noted their board meeting is also being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Another agenda item would be to obtain the total cost of the 2-way solution and what the total cost to the public would be for building out an island on the opposite side, as opposed to the NRG side. Jeff Zuercher, with the USACE, has stated it is not being considered.
- Should the USACE continue to receive funding for investigating the 2-way solution?
  - What would they investigate?
  - Will it detract from Brandon Road construction?
  - Kathy Luther will contact Loren Wobig and John Rogner to obtain IEPA contact name.
- Joe Exl will send a Doodle Poll to the 2-way solutions group for volunteers and setup a meeting.
  - 2-Way solutions group will report on the conference calls they've held.
- What is status of Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)?
  - Kathy Luther will contact matt McKenna with Northeast-Midwest Institute and Senator Duckworth's office.
- Would like a representative from Michigan to provide an update on their funding for PED funding on who has been active in our area. Contact person is Tammy Newcomb.
- Will maintenance operations facility be at an energy site or are other sites being explored?
- Illinois and USACE can discuss status of negotiating agreement.
- Betty Sutton suggested Kathy Luther contact Marcy Kaptor, the U.S. Representative's office in Ohio 10.15.19. She may be very helpful and is a key player for the 2-way solution. The contact information for her office is (202)225-4146.
- The draft agenda will be emailed out prior to the next conference call, as well as updates provided by Kathy Luther on the contacts she's made.
- Kay Nelson recommended adding a paragraph to the agenda regarding the responsibilities of the Steering Committee, how often they meet, and the rotation process. It was noted the membership needs to remain diverse and be mindful to stagger new memberships for continuity.
- As a reminder, the Steering Committee conference calls will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. CST. The next conference call is scheduled on November 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
- The call ended at 9:16 a.m.