

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS
July 21, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Anna-Lisa Castle, Matt Doss, Josh Ellis, Lisa Frede, Robert Hirschfeld, Clark Kaericher, Kay Nelson, John Quail, Kathy Luther, Dominique Edwards, Joe Exl, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther began the meeting by reviewing the action items that were assigned at the meeting held on July 16, 2020.
 - Kay Nelson and Marc Smith will write a letter to the USACE, to include a list of specific questions.
 - Kay said this action item will carry forward to the meeting scheduled on August 18.
 - Candice Eklund will send out a survey to find out the best meeting dates for the next Advisory Committee webinar meeting in August.
 - Candice sent the meeting survey to the Advisory Committee on June 16. The survey results showed August 21, 2020 as the best date for the virtual meeting.
 - Marc Smith will talk with the staff attorney at the National Wildlife Federation.
 - Marc initiated a conversation with the staff attorney at National Wildlife Federation, but has not received feedback as of this meeting.
 - Anna-Lisa Castle will update Molly Flannagan on details of the meeting and look into obtaining staff legal counsel from the Alliance for the Great Lakes to try and figure out what the root of the Illinois state water law concerns are. Marc Smith and Anna-Lisa will discuss findings from both legal counsels.
 - Anna-Lisa reported the Alliance for the Great Lakes has coordinated with Marc Smith and their attorney, Oday Salim, but did not have any further updates.
- Kathy Luther discussed possible agenda items for the virtual meeting scheduled on August 21.
 - Kathy will contact Loren Wobig and John Rogner regarding the PED agreement that is residing with Governor Pritzker's office. Kathy noted she was on a call with Loren who stated the USACE has not agreed to the accelerated payment for the PED yet. Possible reasons for the delay are listed below.
 - Illinois and Michigan will utilize local funding to pay their local share of the original cost of the PED. Due to COVID, the funding from Michigan has been pulled back and the funding from Illinois alone is not satisfactory. Therefore, there is not proper funding if the USACE were to accept the agreement at this time.
 - Kay Nelson's understanding is the USACE needs to approve the option above as a way to move forward, but it is a risky option for the states. If the USACE does not receive the federal funding for their portion of the PED, the states will not be reimbursed for the funding spent.

- Kay's understanding is that the USACE will need to acquire 30-35% of the total project to receive the accelerated approval.
- Another agenda item would be to provide an update on the 2-Way agreement. Kay Nelson stated there are many financial components and various bills with Congress that refer to Asian Carp, Brandon Road and the USACE. Kathy will Contact Matt McKenna, Northeast-Midwest Institute, to ask him to provide an update on the Congress and Legislative briefings.
- Request USACE to provide an update on GLRMIS.
- Lisa Frede would like to have a back-to-back meeting with the Technical Policy meeting before the CAWS meeting on August 21. The Technical Policy meeting would meet from 9:00-10:00 and the CAWS meeting would meet from 10:00 - 12:00. Both meetings will use the same Zoom platform so members can easily attend one of both meetings. Kathy will contact Lisa to coordinate.
- Kathy will draft an agenda by week ending July 31 and contact the potential people noted above.
- Kathy and Dominique Edwards will discuss the platform being used so Dominique can host the meeting.
- Candice Eklund will send a follow-up email to the Advisory Committee to remind them of the meeting date and to notify them of the Technical Policy meeting being held at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.