

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS
September 15, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Anna-Lisa Castle, Matt Doss, Josh Ellis, Lisa Frede, Molly Flanagan, Robert Hirschfeld, Kay Nelson, Kathy Luther, Dominique Edwards, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther followed-up on the CAWS Stakeholder GLRMIS letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers that was discussed at the Stakeholders Group meeting on August 21, 2020.
- NIRPC followed the timeline discussed at the August 21 meeting and sent the revised letter to the Advisory Committee on September 4 for their input. NIRPC did not receive any updates or opposition by September 10 but did receive concurrence. The letter was resent on September 13 to notify the Advisory Committee of this status. Andy Leichty, with the Corps, responded with two modifications.
- It was noted there will be a new Chicago District Manager (CDM) on September 18, and all agreed to send the letter to the Corps after that date. Lisa Frede will email Kathy the name of the new CDM to include in the letter.
- The Great Lakes Commission is currently working on a new Asian Carp position paper. Due to their position, they will not be signing the letter, but they do not oppose it.
- The committee agreed it would be satisfactory to list the organizations approving the letter instead of obtaining individual signatures.
- NIRPC will add the CAWS letterhead to the letter, leave the name blank for the Chicago District Manager, include the two changes Andy Leichty submitted, and create a survey asking if the organizations would like to be a signatory on the letter.
- The letter will be emailed to the Stakeholder group again on September 15, due to some organizations needing to send the letter to their membership. It was agreed they would have 10 days to obtain input from their membership before sending the letter to the Corps.
- Matt Doss inquired if there had been updates on the issues with obtaining a PED agreement between the State of Illinois and the Corps. Matt shared the Governor of Michigan recently signed the fundamental appropriations bill that provides the \$8 million appropriations in non-federal cost share. The states of Illinois and Michigan are working on the inter-agency agreement and the escrow account.
- Kathy Luther will contact Loren Wobig and John Rogner for updates on the PED agreement with the issues related to Illinois Public Water Law and steps needed to get the agreement signed between Illinois and the Corps. Kathy will report her findings to the Steering Committee.

Action Items:

- NIRPC will update the letter by placing it on the CAWS letterhead, revising the letter to include the two modifications suggested by Andy Leichty, and create a survey asking the organizations if they would like to be a signatory on the letter.
- Lisa Frede will supply Kathy Luther with the name of the new Chicago District Manager.
- Kathy Luther will contact Loren Wobig and John Rogner to discuss the \$8 million in non-federal appropriations from the State of Michigan and what impacts that might have on the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.