

Protect Pentwater Channel Citizens Committee
March 29, 2023 10am-noon regular meeting - Park Place and Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

1. Review/approval February 22, 2023 meeting minutes (see attached e-mail from Chris Conroy) - Minutes were approved.
2. Review current USACE lake level report. Dave provided a summary of the March monthly report. Lake level continues to drop, expect rise to begin in April. Still 6” above long term averages.
3. Status of 2023 dredging contract. Chris reported that the Corp received acceptable bids. Chris provided a follow up from the Corp that King Company has been awarded dredging contract. Work is expected to begin in early June.
4. Update on grants and other opportunities
 - a. Section 111 study grant. No current update on this program.
 - b. Michigan resilient coast. Lynne has a meeting scheduled for this coming Monday on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities program.
 - c. Section 408 opportunities. Feasibility of utilizing this program for wave attenuator maintenance need to be further discussed with Liz at the Corp as a next step.
 - d. Creative sand removal options from USACE and local contractors. Fire Department “water picking” is not feasible. Removal, cleaning and replacement of rocks by a firm like Josh Adams is feasible but would require Corp approval and timing coordination with sand removal. Further discuss needed with Corp on this.
5. Small Harbors Coalition update
 - a. Meeting with Rep. Moolenar. Chris Brown heard from John’s staffer Michelle that the afternoon of May 19 has been set aside for a meeting in Pentwater with John. Chris will provide more detail on this exiting meeting and we will report back.
 - b. Maureen reported that Matt who chairs the coalition has set up a meeting in Pentwater with Detroit Districts Maria Strum. This meeting

could potentially include Bumstead, Bergman and Heizenga as well. Maureen will confirm, get details and we will report back to the committee.

6. PLIB update

a. Resolutions of Support from Twp and Village. The Township and Village will prepare supporting resolutions to be heard at their respective April regular meetings.

7. Wind blown sand control. This will be further discussed at Lynne's Monday meeting (see 4b above). Manny indicated that sand fencing will be removed approximately May 1.

8. Other

a. Shallow Harbors Stakeholders Meeting - Grand Haven - April 14 10-11:30am. Please reach out to Chris Brown, who plans to attend this meeting if you would like to go. My spot is open as I am out of town then. We would like to have couple of committee members go so please reach out to Chris on this.

b. Channel Website. Michael Haack has taken over the Channel website and walked us through some exciting things he is doing with it! We discussed again using this as an informational launch point as we receive more information on dredging. **There is cost to keeping this website active and I am encouraging all committee members to pitch in \$20 to maintain this (Michael has fronted loaded this cost). Look for a follow up e-mail on how to reimburse Michael. Any funding over the roughly \$250 for the year will go to the Foundation channel fund so consider more than \$20 if you can!!**

c. Chris Conroy is looking into options with Facebook page. Maybe making it a group instead. More on this later.

d. Good discussion led by Michael Haack on a Pentwater Channel / Sportfishing Fish Boil fundraiser. We set a very rough date of Saturday, August 19 for this! In order for this to be success we should probably form a small committee to promote, organize, etc. Please reach out to Michael if you are interested. Need to tie in DDA and CofC as well as Village and Twp. Much more discussion on this exciting event next month!

9. Next Meeting - **Wednesday May 3, 10am** - Please put it on your calendar!!

