

Town of Onalaska
Shoreline Committee Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2019

The Shoreline Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present: Rolly Bogert, Frank Fogel, Marc Schultz, Robin Schmidt, Tony Christnovich, and Fritz Funk. Prospective committee member Ray Heidel and Ray Marinan from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda by Fogel; seconded by Christnovich. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Ray Heidel, W8043 County Road ZN, expressed appreciation to the Town of Onalaska and all who worked on the project for the completion of the Fred Funk landing.

Election of Committee Officials: Motion to nominate Robin Schmidt as chair by Funk, seconded by Christnovich, passed unanimously. Motion to nominate Tony Christnovich as vice chair by Schmidt, seconded by Funk passed unanimously. Motion to nominate Fritz Funk as secretary by Christnovich, seconded by Schmidt, passed unanimously.

Discussion on setting regular meeting day and time for committee: Motion to set regular meeting date on the third Monday of the month at 7pm passed unanimously.

Discussion on Committee responsibilities: General discussion resulted in a consensus that the agenda for next meeting should include review of the Town shorelands lease from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the implementing Town Ordinance(s), and a framework budget for shoreland-related income and expenses, divided into fixed operating costs and future capital expenses. Agenda for the next meeting is to include preparation of mission statement for the committee to submit to the Town Board for approval.

Update on Army Corps of Engineers Masterplan: Ray Marinan reviewed the Corps' revised Upper Mississippi River Master Plan which is out for public review. Written public comment on this draft will be accepted until September 30, 2019. After revision to incorporate public and agency comments, another draft is expected to be available for review approximately January or February 2020.

Discussion on roles of other governmental bodies including but not limited to Onalaska Lake District, US Fish and Wildlife, DNR, Army Corp of Engineers, La Crosse County and Town of Onalaska as it relates to the shoreline within the Town of Onalaska: General discussion resulted in a consensus that the agenda for the next meeting should include a review of agency responsibilities, preferably with a visual summary. Recommendation by Schultz to invite one agency member to each of the next several meetings to review their agency roles.

Discussion on appointment of a Town of Onalaska representative to the Lake District. Motion by Bogert, seconded by Fogel, to appoint Robin Schmidt as a liason to the Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District, passed unanimously. Discussion on the motion noted that the committee would be reviewing past shoreline-related Town Board actions which would include references in the ordinances to appointment and terms for the Town representative to the Lake District.

Discussion on appointment of Ray Heidel to the Shoreline Committee: Motion by Fogel, seconded by Schultz, to recommend appointment of Ray Heidel to the Town Board, passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Fritz Funk