

Minutes of the
Michigan State Waterways Commission
May 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Michigan State Waterways Commission (MSWC) was called to order by Commissioner and Chair, Gary Marowske at 9:45 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Outdoor Adventure Center, 1801 Atwater St., Detroit, MI 48226.

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner/Vice Chair Alex Declercq
Commissioner/Chair Gary Marowske
Commissioner Dennis Nickels
Commissioner Dennis Grinold
Commissioner James Hansen

The following Commissioners were excused from today's meeting:

Commissioner Nicki Polan
Commissioner Ward Walstrom
Special Consultant R.J. Petersen

The following staff from the Department of Natural Resources was present:

Chief Ronald A. Olson
Jason Fleming
Bill Boik
Paul Petersen
Jackie Blodgett
Vicki Anthes
Darlene Moore

Chair Gary Marowske opened the Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting at 9:45 a.m., February 19, 2015.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC APPEARANCE

A. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence.

B. Appearances (Non-agenda items)

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the February 19, 2015 Minutes.

MOTION: Chair Gary Marowske asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2015 Michigan State Waterways Commission meeting. The motion was put into place by Commissioner Jim Hansen and was seconded by Commissioner Alex Declercq. It carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. Discussion of the selected grant applications was led by **Paul Petersen, Waterways Grant Program Manager**. Paul went through a handout that was included in the agenda packet. The handout indicated the 16 applicants that applied for grants as well as the 5 grant applications that were approved. While there were more applicants that were qualified for money, because of limited funding, only 5 were approved and awarded.

C. A resolution, **Resolution No. 5-2015-01** of the Waterways Commission to recommend awarding grants as discussed and listed on the handout by Paul Petersen for 2015 was brought up for a vote. Commissioner Jim Hansen motioned for the vote and Commissioner Al Declercq seconded. It carried unanimously, 5-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A./B.

General Update-Operations Update There was discussion on development of Belle Isle and the future of a Boating Access Site on the island. The issue for development is money, and the fact that critics would say, “we need to take care of what we have before we build new projects.” Ron Olson spoke of several opportunities that may come our way in the form of investors for improvements and future development on Belle Isle. Ron also made mention that at the next Waterways meeting, pending the outcome of Proposal 1, we need to revisit the resources and how projects will be funded with either the success of or failure of the proposal.

C. **Financial Update – Jackie Blodgett, Chief of Program Services**
Ms. Blodgett reviewed several financial documents she included in the agenda packet.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Waterway Commission Meeting: August 21, 2015 in Marquette, Michigan with the meeting location to be announced later.

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