

**Toledo Harbor Dredging Task Force
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 26, 2013

Location: East Harbor State Park 1169 N. Buck Rd. Lakeside-Marblehead, OH 43440

Attending Committee Members:

Joe Cappel, TLCPA
Gail Hesse, OLEC
Rian Sallee, OLEC
Steve Holland, ODNR
Elizabeth Wick, Ohio EPA-NWDO
Heather Allamon, Ohio EPA-NWDO
Mike Pniewski, USACE
Scott Pickard, USACE
Cheryl Rice, Lucas County USDA NRCS
Chuck Campbell, City of Toledo
Dave Pratt, City of Toledo
Dave Spangler, Lake Erie Waterkeeper
Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant

Mary Knapp, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(phone)
Tom Hays, Lucas County
Scudder Mackey, ODNR

Guests:

Wes Farbach, Sen. Rob Portman
Jane Ruvolo, Rep. Marcy Kaptur
John Hull, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Kristin Gardner, Hull & Associates, Inc.
Terry Perry
Chris Ashley, ODNR State Parks
Steve Findlay, ODNR State Parks
Larry Richards, ODNR State Parks
Bill Bopp, ODNR State Parks

Committee Members Not Present:

Paul Toth, TLCPA
Jeff Reuter, OSU Stone Lab
Kelly Tubbs, Kuhlman Corporation
Eileen Granata, ODOD
Brooke Furio, USEPA, Region 5
Josh Feldmann, USACE
Craig Forgette, USACE
Ron Kozlowski, USACE
David Romano, USACE
Tim Murphy, City of Toledo
Peter Ujvagi, Lucas County
Mark Locker, ODOT
Dick Bartz, USGS
Paul Roman, City of Oregon
Rick Unger, Lake Erie Charter Boat Assoc.
Paul Pacholski, Lake Erie Charter Boat Assoc.
Tim Schetter, Toledo Area Metroparks

The meeting began at 10:00 AM

The Task Force was provided with the November 2012 meeting minutes.

Port Update: Mr. Cappel updated the group on several issues related to pending legislation related to Great Lakes dredging including the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and its progress through congress. Mr. Cappel noted that the Port Authority's blanket permit for dredging private docks and berths was making its way through the Army Corps process in the Buffalo office. He also reviewed the work plan for dredging the federal channel in 2013.

Ohio Lake Erie Commission update: Ms. Hesse noted that public review of the new Lake Erie Protection Fund plan will occur this summer. One of the twelve strategic areas of focus included in the plan is related to dredge material management. Ms. Hesse updated the group regarding a new Lake Erie Commission license plate to be available July 1. She also provided an update on the P Task Force who will be publishing a report in August 2013 involving tracking phosphorous on the land, most of which is non point. She also noted that on July 2, 2013 NOAA and Stone Lab were to make a forecast on harmful algae blooms. A discussion regarding the report and forecast followed regarding concentrations and loads from various locations including locations in Michigan.

OEPA Update: Ms. Wick noted that the isolated 401 annual report is now available on OEPA's website. There is also a public notice for the re-certification of the letter of permissions covering seven categories for the discharge of dredged material. This LOP serves the purpose of allowing small craft harbors to complete dredging activities. Ms Wick noted that that OEPA awarded a sub-grant to Stone Lab for nearshore event based monitoring of harmful algae blooms and sediment dredging. Finally, Ms. Wick noted that the 401 permit for open lake placement was issued for 2013 and was appealed along with the permits form 2010, 2011 and 2012.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Update: Mr. Pniewski and Mr. Pickard noted that the sampling plan to be performed in conjunction with 2013 dredging has commenced. The first sampling is scheduled for June 21, second sampling just prior to dredging, third sampling during dredging and final sampling to be performed follow dredging activity. The report containing the data from sampling is due in July 2014. The Corps noted that dredging will commence on July 1st and Luedtke Engineer will be the contractor. It is estimated that 900,000 cubic yards will be dredged from the bay and lake in 2013. 2014 dredging will involve dredging more in the Maumee between the bridges and some in the turning basin at I-75. The Corps noted that the portion of the open lake placement area where dredged materials have been deposited will reach capacity after this season and next year's 401 will request that the southern half be used for future placement.

There being no further business, the regular meeting concluded and Bill Bopp, Planner from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources provided the group with an overview of dredging and beneficial use activities at East Harbor State Park. The park is currently dredging a one hundred foot channel from the launch ramp to provide marinas access in the harbor and to Lake Erie. The project involves removing 224,400 cubic yards over five years and using the material on 30 acres of farmland. Following the presentation the group visited the location of the booster pump and dredged material relocation area where the material was being pumped. The objective of the visit was to give attendees the opportunity to see a beneficial use project in

progress and to help show that the project could be scaled and replicated in Toledo both on a pilot project and large scale basis.