

UMWA April Meeting DRAFT Notes

Thursday, April 15, 2021

12:30 to 1:30

In Attendance:

Kathryn Sarnecki, Scott Dohman, Ryan Pecinovsky, Zach Pontzer, B. Doan, Mark Wegner, Mark Caspers, Greg Genz, Linda Loomis, Patrick Phenow, Ava Langston-Kenney, Linda K. Williams, Paul Freeman, Bill Judd, Dan Cottrell, Zac Morris

Kathryn Sarnecki ran the meeting.

Minutes: Approval of the Minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting was put on HOLD until next meeting, as there was not a sufficient quorum at this meeting.

Updates by Kathryn:

1. Sue Sack of the Sapphyre Group is retiring at month's end. They are hoping to have her replacement in place by then.
2. Kathryn, as the treasurer, and the Sapphyre Group have been trying to get a high yield bank account in place at the bank with no success. Are thinking about going to a different bank.
3. Common Issues Guide:
 - a. Dredge Placement
 - b. Channel Maintenance
 - c. Permitting: dredge, ACOE, etc.

Kathryn suggested putting together sub-committees and asked if anyone was interested. Ava volunteered for a. Dredge Placement. Was asked if there was some information that could be sent out about this. Kathryn will talk to Doug at Upper River Services.

4. River Works Discovery:
 - a. Paul Rhode is contact
 - b. Would we want to invest into a \$500 level sponsorship?
 - c. Possibly. Will circle back next month to see if all want to do this.
5. Inland Marine Expo, held in May in St. Louis:
 - a. Amy would like to attend: \$145 – registration; \$165 x 2 or 3 nights for hotel, mileage (as Amy indicated she would drive)
 - b. Greg Genz is attending, so he would assist Amy if they wanted to have an exhibit. Exhibit stuff is stored at URS, so Kathryn or Greg to follow-up with Doug to see if they do have it.
 - c. Kathryn made a motion to approve Amy to attend IME and Paul Freeman seconded.
 - d. Kathryn will send an e-mail to all to get approval votes.
6. St. Louis Magazine:
 - a. They are doing a story about the river where it runs through St. Louis area

- b. Do any members have experience and want to contribute to the article? Kathryn will send information about this to Greg Genz so he can contact the author.

Agency Reports:

1. USACE: Dan Cottrell – update attached.
2. SPPA – Ava had updates:
 - a. Working on a wetlands enhancement project in the Southport Terminal in conjunction with the Robert Piram Trail the City has been developing. Invasive species are being removed and native species are being added to a section of wetlands and all trash has been removed.
 - b. Barge Receiving Project at Cemstone in Barge Terminal No. 1 is expected to get their air permit by the middle of May so construction can begin in September. The project will go through the city bid process to be published on the City website hopefully sometime in June.
 - c. Viking River Cruises going forward. SPPA is involved in an advisory role.
3. LMRWD – Linda Loomis – Greg Genz has been appointed to the Citizen Advisory Committee. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.
4. MNDot – Patrick Phenow – No Updates other than MNDot is beginning their back to the office transition in July, so all employees plan to be back in the office sometime in the fall.

Old Business – None

New Business:

1. Greg Genz stated that the e-mail address list needs to be reviewed and cleaned up so that e-mails are going to the correct people at the correct addresses.
2. Kathryn confirmed with Dan Cottrell what Tamara Cameron's position is at USACE, and she is now Chief of Operations. John Menniti took over Tamara's old position.

Adjourned at 1:23 p.m.