



Burt Lake Watershed Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuscarora Township Hall
3546 S Straits Highway, Indian River, MI 49749
October 28, 2016 - 1:00-3:00 pm
MINUTES

Attendees:

Burt Lake Preservation Association: Gina Burke

Douglas Lake Improvement Association: Holly Gedert

Emmet County Road Commission: Brian Gutowski

Little Traverse Bay Bands: Caroline Keson, Lauren Den, Caroline Moellering

MDEQ: Julia Kirkwood

Miller Van Winkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited: Ed Davis

Mullet Lake Area Preservation Society: Darrell Schwalm, Tony Naylor

Pickerel – Crooked Lakes Association: Dudley Marvin

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council: Grenetta Thomassey, Jen Buchanan, Eli Baker, Charlie MacDonald

USFWS: Matthew Kowalski

Other: Judi Yurack, Sandra Boyd, Lyle Horsell

I. Introduction and Housekeeping: overview of agenda

II. Little Traverse Bay Bands Presentation on Carp Lake Boat Wash

- Carp Lake had lots of concerns regarding invasive species – Eurasian Watermilfoil.
- A boat washing station received overall support from the community, particularly after community outreach and education events.
- Location of boat wash is on DNR property using agreements with the DNR and Little Traverse Bay Bands.
- Permits required from the DEQ for groundwater discharge, as well as the health department and road commission.
- Overall cost of the project was about \$110,000, compared to \$500,000 for 5 years of chemical treatment in the lake.
- Cost considerations for continued use are the DEQ permit (\$250 per year) and the water sprayers, which seem to be the weakest piece of equipment.
- Email contact information for Clean Boats Clean Waters to committee members. Email: clawsonb@anr.msu.edu, phone: 269-657-8213

III. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council Presentation on Michigan Shoreline Stewards Program

- Overview of program and website. Individuals use the website and available survey to get shoreline stewardship ranking. If a bronze, silver, or gold level is reached the participant can either print a free certificate, or order 3 different sizes of signs to post on his or her property.
- Lake associations can register on website.
- Next phases of the project will create a stronger lake association leader program, including training for leaders.

- Fundraising efforts will focus on raising \$15,000 to support the continuation of the website and the program.

IV. Presentation of Burt Lake Watershed Management Plan

- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is looking for feedback on the goals and objectives section of the Plan.
 1. Goals/Objectives
 2. Critical Areas
 3. Priority Areas
 4. Implementation Steps
 5. Recent watershed activities and contributions
 6. Any additional questions and feedback?
- Regarding implementation steps, Jen Buchanan would like feedback on:
 - Will they achieve the goals and objectives?
 - Identify any areas where your organization will be a potential project partner.
- Follow up
 - Email copies of Jen's handouts to attendees

V. Partner updates

- Future meetings will end with an opportunity for attendees to update the Committee on current events or recent projects and goals of their organizations.