



**HTAC Voting Members Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Sector Representing</b>
Ed Anderson	MIC Policy Board	Regional
Cameron Bertsch	Douglas County	County
Steve Brossart	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal
Gene Clark	WI Sea Grant	State
Deb DeLuca ( <i>Chair</i> )	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Regional
Nelson French	MN Pollution Control Agency	State
Gary Glass	Izaak Walton League	Citizen Group
Cheri Hagen	WI Department of Natural Resources	State
Anna Hess	MN Department of Natural Resources	State
Barb Hubley	MN Pollution Control Agency	State
Joel Johnson		Industry – Recreation
Brandon Kuhlts ( <i>alternate</i> )	WLSSD	
Bill Majewski	St. Louis River Alliance	Citizen Group
Patrick Phenow	MN Department of Transportation	State
Steven Robertson	City of Duluth	City
Jim Sharrow ( <i>alternate</i> )	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Regional
Ted Smith	Marine Tech	Industry – Harbor Engineering
Dave Warburton	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal

**HTAC Voting Members Absent**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Sector Representing</b>
Dan Belden ( <i>alternate</i> )	Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	Regional
Dale Bergeron	MN Sea Grant	State
Brian Boder	St. Louis County	County
LCDR Pat Drayer ( <i>alternate</i> )	US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit	Federal
Marshall Elder	Midwest Energy Resources	Industry - Coal
Jack Ezell	Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	Regional
Chad Hewitt		Industry – Ore Transport
Lance Hunt ( <i>alternate</i> )		Industry – Ore Transport
Pete Kramer	Duluth Cargo Connect	Industry – General Cargo
Jonathon Lamb ( <i>alternate</i> )		Industry – General Cargo
Jason Laumann	Northwest Regional Planning Commission	Regional
Bob Libby		Industry – Vessel Operations
Mike McCoshen	Hallett Dock Company	Industry – General Bulk
Ed Montgomery		Industry – Harbor Services
Dan Rau	Save Lake Superior Association	Citizen Group
Dena Ryan	WI Department of Transportation	State
Jason Serck ( <i>Vice Chair</i> )	City of Superior	City
CDR Erin Williams	US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit	Federal
Vacant	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Federal
Vacant		Industry - Grain



**Others Present**

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Hannah Alstead	Congressman Nolan	Kris McNeal	The Duluth Experience
Aaron Axford	MIC Intern	Jim Miller	Rep for Congressman Duffy
Heidi Bauman	MPCA	John Morris	WI DNR
David Bolgrien	US EPA - ORD	Eric Oberhart	CPCS Transcom
Melissa Bosman	USACE	Marsha Patelke	NRRI
Gini Breidenbach	MN Land Trust	Nick Patterson	Marine Tech
Dan Breneman	MPCA	Barb Peterson	MIC
Ron Brochu	Business North	Daryl Peterson	MN Land Trust
Ron Chicka	MIC	Ralph Ray	Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet
Jessica Felix	WisDOT	Bethany Rosemore	AMI
Patty Fowler	MN DNR	Jesse Schomberg	MN Sea Grant
Ken Gerasimos	Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet	Ted R. Smith	AMI
Mike Goettel	WI DNR	Matt Steiger	WI DNR
Joshua Hachey	USACE	Richard Stewart	UW-Superior
Steve LaValley	WI DNR	Natalie White	SEH
LCDR John Mack	USCG Marine Safety Unit	Larry Zanko	NRRI
Joshua McGowan	USCG Duluth		

**Introductions / Agenda Review / Committee Business**

**HTAC Chair Deb DeLuca** called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 am. All in attendance introduced themselves.

**Sept 6, 2017 Meeting Summary**

Chair DeLuca asked if there were changes to the Sept 6, 2017 Meeting Summary, hearing none she asked for a motion to approve.

- Ed Anderson moved to approve the 12.6.17 HTAC Meeting Summary. Ted Smith seconded.
- There was no discussion.
- **The motion to approve carried unanimously.**

**MIC Recognition to Jim Sharrow, Ron Chicka, MIC**

Ron presented a plaque to Jim for his numerous years of participation and contributions. Jim will be retiring the end of March. Nelson French also said a few words of congratulation to Jim and also announced his retirement on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Barb Huberty will be taking over his membership role.



## **Subcommittee Updates:**

Jim Sharrow reported that the Dredging Subcommittee met 2/18 and the main topic of the meeting was a major rewrite of the Erie Pier Mgmt Plan needed to be undertaken very soon. The discussion of the use of dredge material as seen at the Pier B project could hopefully be a model to follow on other projects – taking USACE dredge material directly to a project site whenever possible.

LCDR John Mack stated that the Navigation Subcommittee met in January and discussed the continuing work on the safety project. Another topic of discussion was the slip where the William A. Irvin is docked needs some substantial dock wall repair and the Irvin will need to be moved in order to accomplish some of this work. The moving of the Irvin will have to be done with extreme care with only inches to get through the “Blue” bridge.

## **MN Dock Wall Maintenance General Permit, Patty Fowler & Anna Hess, MN DNR**

After much discussion and hard work between the Open Water Mitigation Subcommittee and the DNR, Patty and Anna presented the MN Dock Wall Maintenance General Permit which was finally approved by the DNR Hierarchy on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. This joint effort was tackled in late 2016. Patty reviewed what the permit does and does not cover. Using Marine Techs Dockwall repair project as an example. This will be a wonderful time & money saver for future projects that require some dock wall preservation, maintenance or repair. Each project will be considered individually.

## **Introduction to “Landscape Conservation Design”, Daryl Peterson, MN Land Trust**

Daryl began by stating that the Land Trust is a Non-Profit group. The group is working on a Landscape Conservation Design and defined it as an iterative, collaborative, and holistic process resulting in products that provide information, analytical tools, maps, and strategies to achieve landscape goals collectively held among partners”. Daryl showed the characteristics of this design which, as the definition implies, is a partnership.

The Land Trust folks are looking to meet with interested individuals and groups over the next 6-12 months to identify common vision and goals for the conservation of the estuary. There are several entities who have produced long range plans which include some type of efforts to address the conservation of the estuary: Duluth's Comprehensive Plan, the AOC Blueprint, the Duluth-Superior Port Land Use Plan to name a few.

Daryl continued discussing that the “Landscape Conservation Design” would use the momentum gained addressing legacy impacts to the community to develop ways of balancing natural resource management, economic development and community health outcomes over the long-term.

Watch for more opportunities to be involved in the development of a multi-sector decision support process designed to include economic, community health and natural resource outcomes.



## **Introduction to the Propeller Club, Ted Smith, Marine Tech**

Ted invited everyone to check out the Propeller Club of Duluth & Superior. Established in 1933 and a part of a National organization which promotes “a strong stewardship role” and provides another opportunity for networking with maritime industry stakeholders. Our membership includes port tenants, terminal operators, public officials, maritime engineers, pilots, and others - all focused on promoting harbor improvements and advocating for maritime interests along the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway. We are always looking for new members so check us out and/or join us at our next monthly meeting to see if the Prop Club would be advantageous for you. Meetings are normally the third Friday of each month. Please check with the Port Authority.

## **Port Land Use Plan Implementation Overview & Updates, Mike Wenholz, MIC, et al**

In the absence of Mike, Deb DeLuca recognized that the work continues.

## **Beach Nourishment & Related Issues, Steve Brossart & Melissa Bosman, USACE**

- High Water & Storm Events on Lake Superior – Steve and Melissa highlighted the damage from the high wind speed and the wave height causing erosion along both the north shore and south shore of Lake Superior.
- Impacts on Minnesota Point –there were uprooted trees, rocks and debris strewn along the Lake Walk along with the heavy erosion along MN Point as well.
- Historic Dredging and Placement Information – they shared some brief historic dredging and placement information from 1983 to 2008.
- Coastal Zone Placement of Dredged Material on Minnesota Point – the USACE is working with the various agencies and hoping to use this year's dredge material to nourish/rebuild the MN Point shoreline
- Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)

## **Update on Minnesota Slip, Heidi Bauman, MPCA**

Heidi described that there are currently 10 sites with contaminated sediment. The Minnesota Slip, Slip 3 and Slip C are scheduled for this year. The MPCA is working with some private land owners to get this work done.

There are 5 slips scheduled for 2019 and another 3 for 2020 that will be ready for construction on the specified years.

## **Roundtable**

- Mention of the round a bout at Midway and Maple Grove (shut down for 8 weeks)
- Roll out of the Twin Ports Report card from ASCE – meeting at the DLH on March 12th
- MN Sea Grant representative Dale Bergeron will be leaving to pursue other interests/they will be hiring
- Reminder: St Louis River Summit at the Yellow Jacket Union Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**With no other items brought forward, Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting shortly before noon.**