

## PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

October 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Denny Blue at 7:00pm. Present were Denny Blue, Steve Brooks, Roger Burger, Chuck May and Jim Simons.

The minutes of the August 24, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by May and second by Brooks, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that less than 4 acres of phragmites was treated the first part of October.

Brooks said that it appears that a sand dune will be eliminated with the Revetment Project because the Corps feels that it is putting stress on the channel walls.

Blue said that the Michigan Port Collaborative has received money from the Village of Onekama and the Onekama Township for the matrix plan. We are the smallest port to join this program. The data gathering will begin in March 2018. Denny also said that it appears that the Michigan Economic Development Authority may become involved with this project.

May reported that the Corps are aware that the Holland and Manistee harbors may have less tonnage since their power plants are changing from coal to gas fired boilers. Chuck also stated that there may be a person, on the east side of the state, that will take over his duties with the small harbors. He also said that he thinks that it should be an organization run by each state within the Great Lakes Region.

Mrozinski (through proxy) said that he has spoken with Tom O'Bryan, Brandon Fewins, Mellissa Bosman on our letter of 9/28/2017 with suggestions for excess funds. They are considering our list and will work to set aside funds to possibly dredge our harbor in 2018. Additional suggested work may take us into 2019 to finish. The Corps has a meeting scheduled for Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> with Dave Wright, Bosman O'Bryan and their Chief Engineer to discuss the possibilities of enacting our suggestions and others to complete our project. Bosman noted that if a walkway of concrete was to be put across the rubble mound it would require quite a bit of additional reinforcement to stabilize the bolder system. They will keep informed of the Corps agreement to add items to the original bid and will contact us after their 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim also asked Bosman who will make the final decision on our complete project scope of work and found while everyone involved will be considered, Dave Wright and Marie Strum will finalize the project scope and decide on use of the funding.

There was a discussion about the length of the rubble mound/wave attenuator to be installed on the South Revetment. Simons looked at the plans and it is to be 383'-0" in length.

New business....none

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons