

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

January 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:06pm. Present were Denny Blue, Steve Brooks, Frank English, Roger Burger and Jim Simons.

The minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by English and second by Brooks, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the Invasive Species Committee will be meeting with the lake manager next week to review the final report for 2018.

English handed out an article, from the Michigan Outdoor News, in which the author suggested that the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, in Chicago, should be filled with dirt to prevent the Asian Carp migration into the Great Lakes. Simons reported that in a follow-up article it was suggested that railroad tracks or road be installed on this fill so that cargo could be unloaded on one side and reloaded on another vessel on the other.

Burger reported that there was a report of an ice fisherman going through the ice, last weekend, and the fire rescue was deployed. No other info was available.

Brooks reported that the work on the channel halted in the 3rd week of December. The South side is complete except for a custom corner that has to be fabricated for the SE corner.

Blue reported that the Michigan Port Collaborative has scheduled a meeting on April 18, 2019 to discuss the template for the Economic Sustainability of the 22

ports that completed the study. Onekama is one of these ports. Invited to this meeting are all Legislatures, heads for sources of funding, and representatives of all 22 ports. The topic will be the use of the template in regards to future funding for these ports.

Mrozinski reported that a work group will gather at the Light Structure, at the DNR site on Andy's Point, for a painting bee in the spring. A discussion concerning a request to have a light installed at the east corner of the North wall of the channel followed. It was decided that no light would be required. Further discussion concerned the installation of life rings and safety lights along both sides of the channel. It was decided to investigate the feasibility of doing this. The lights will be solar powered and the life rings will have chips in them so that they may be found if for any reason they are missing.

New business

Discussion.....none

Public comment....none

Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons