



### HTAC Voting Members Present

Name	Organization	Sector Representing
Ed Anderson ( <i>Acting Chair</i> )	MIC Policy Board	Regional
Cameron Bertsch	Douglas County	County
Steve Brossart	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal
Kyle Deming	City of Duluth	City
Marshall Elder	Midwest Energy Resources	Industry - Coal
Gary Glass	Izaak Walton League	Citizen Group
Joel Johnson		Industry – Recreation
Jason Laumann	Northwest Regional Planning Commission	Regional
Bob Libby		Industry – Vessel Operations
Ashley McFarland	MN Sea Grant	State
Bill Majewski	St. Louis River Alliance	Citizen Group
Ed Montgomery		Industry – Harbor Services
Patrick Phenow	MN Department of Transportation	State
Dena Ryan	WI Department of Transportation	State
Ted Smith	Marine Tech	Industry – Harbor Engineering
Jeff Stollenwerk	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Regional
CDR Erin Williams	US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit	Federal

### HTAC Voting Members Absent

Name	Organization	Sector Representing
Dan Belden	Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	Regional
Brian Boder	St. Louis County	County
LCDR Pat Drayer ( <i>alternate</i> )	US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit	Federal
Cheri Hagen	WI Department of Natural Resources	State
Anna Hess	MN Department of Natural Resources	State
Chad Hewitt		Industry – Ore Transport
Barb Huberty	MN Pollution Control Agency	State
Lance Hunt ( <i>alternate</i> )		Industry – Ore Transport
Pete Kramer	Duluth Cargo Connect	Industry – General Cargo
Jonathon Lamb ( <i>alternate</i> )	Duluth Cargo Connect	Industry – General Cargo
Mike McCoshen	Hallett Dock Company	Industry – General Bulk
Dan Rau	Save Lake Superior Association	Citizen Group
Steven Robertson ( <i>alternate</i> )	City of Duluth	City
Jason Serck ( <i>Chair</i> )	City of Superior	City
Dave Warburton	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal
Vacant	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Federal
Vacant	WI Sea Grant	State
Vacant		Industry - Grain



## Others Present

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Dan Breneman	MPCA	Josh Paquet	GEI Consultants
Ron Chicka	MIC	Nick Patterson	J.F. Brennan
Kate Ferguson	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Bethany Rosemore	J.F. Brennan
Patty Fowler	MN DNR	Daniel Rust	UW-Superior
Ken Gerasimos	Key Lakes/Great Lakes Fleet	Justin Schneider	MIC
Karina Heim	LSNERR	Matt Steiger	WI DNR
Jayson Hron	Duluth Seaway Port Authority	Maren Webb	MnDOT
George Meister	GEI Consultants	Mike Wenholz	MIC
Ed Montgomery		Corey Weston	USACE
Taylor Nelson	MN DNR		

## Introductions / Agenda Review / Committee Business

**HTAC Chair Jason Serck** was absent, not able to participate in the meeting. Past Chair Ed Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 am. MIC Director Ron Chicka explained the reason Ed called the meeting to order, and following HTAC by-Laws, asked for a motion to enable Ed to chair this meeting. Marshall Elder made the motion, and Ted Smith seconded, to allow Ed to chair the meeting. Voice vote was called, supporting Ed as chair for this meeting, and Ed chaired the remainder of the meeting.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

### ***March 6, 2019 Meeting Summary***

Chair Anderson asked if there were requested changes to the March 6, 2019 Meeting Summary, hearing none he asked for a motion to approve.

- Joel Johnson moved to approve the 3/6/2019 HTAC Meeting Summary. The motion was seconded.
- There was no discussion.
- **The motion to approve carried unanimously.**

Mike Wenholz mentioned the MIC will be reconvening the HTAC Membership and Bylaws Subcommittee to consider changes to and update the voting member constituency. This is likely to happen this summer or fall.

Mike Wenholz mentioned the MIC plans to facilitate the reconvening of a workgroup to update the Erie Pier Management Plan. This is likely to happen this fall and carry into and throughout 2020.

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

- In keeping with the Port Land Use Plan (PLUP) Implementation Strategy to share updates on what recommendations have been implemented during quarterly HTAC meetings, Mike Wenholz shared that



aspects of numerous recommendations are being implemented. He read parts of emails received from WisDOT and MN PCA. The following recommendations are being implemented:

- WisDOT has implemented recommendation 12, has begun implementing recommendation 13, and has an ongoing strategy to implement aspects of recommendations 8 and 26.
- MN PCA has substantially implemented aspects of recommendation 19, and is actively implementing aspects of recommendations 8 and 26 on an ongoing basis.
- As will be discussed in presentations later in this meeting, MN Sea Grant and the U.S. Coast Guard are jointly implementing recommendations 21 and 25.
- The MIC has helped complete implementation of recommendation 24, and is implementing aspects of recommendations 3, 8, 11, 13, 21, 22, and 25 on an ongoing basis.
- The MIC is likely to convene the PLUP Sub-Committee for a meeting to consider the status of and to update the Implementation Strategy of March 2017. This is likely to happen in late 2019 or early 2020.

### **Navigation & Safety Sub-Committee Update, CDR Erin Williams, USCG MSU**

- Commander Williams provided a summary of the primary agenda topics of the subcommittee meeting on May 22.
- Website ideas and sign messaging were key parts of the meeting discussion.

### **Harbor Safety Workgroup Update, Ashley McFarland, MN Sea Grant**

- See the presentation
- Ashley provided a summary of the work done to date by the Harbor Safety Workgroup, and included a short history of why it was formed. The bottomline is that there has been an increasing number of people recreating in kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, and other paddle-based watercraft in the harbor and near-shore lake, and this effort aims to help these people recreate as safely as possible – addressing a variety of concerns.
- Ashley discussed efforts to build a website, signs, and messaging, and shared draft examples.
- There are a diverse group of Workgroup partners.
- Ashley answered several general questions from those in attendance.

### **Great Lakes Dredge Team Update, Dan Brenneman, MN PCA, & Steve Brossart, USACE**

- See the presentations
- Dan summarized the work of the Great Lakes Dredge Team, and mentioned their upcoming annual meeting in Buffalo on June 10-11.
- Dan also mentioned the Duluth/Superior Harbor Working Group and summarized the regular conference calls and work of the Working Group.
- Dan summarized options for dealing with and/or utilizing our dredged materials, and emphasized the need to find continuous and long-term options and beneficial uses for the Duluth-Superior harbor dredge material.
- Steve provided a list of 2019 and 2020 USACE dredging projects in the Duluth-Superior harbor, and gave brief explanations of each.
- Steve summarized options for dealing with and/or utilizing our dredged materials, and emphasized the need to find continuous and long-term options and beneficial uses for the roughly 110-120,000 cubic yards of Duluth-Superior harbor dredge material annually.



- Steve answered several general questions from those in attendance.

## **Long Range Transportation Plan Update & Stakeholder Activity, Mike Wenzholz, MIC**

- See the presentation
- Mike provided a summary of the MIC's long-range transportation plan (LRTP) process, including key points and vision, key data and things learned, and moving forward.
- Mike shared the link to the LRTP's interactive map of draft projects submitted by MIC-area jurisdictions.
- All attendees were asked to use the interactive map and work in small groups and answer two questions as part of an LRTP consultation with the HTAC partner group:
  1. Are there any concerns to consider regarding the proposed transportation projects related to port access, mobility, & function?
  2. What additional port-related transportation projects should be considered?

## **Great Lakes Cruise Shipping, Kate Ferguson, DSPA**

- See the presentation
- Kate summarized the status of Great Lakes Cruising and what that means for the Duluth-Superior area.
- Kate described and showed pictures of numerous vessel examples, mentioned local partners working on this, highlighted infrastructure needs and other challenges, and shared timelines of when to expect to see cruise ships in our port.
- Kate answered several questions from those in attendance.

## **Status of the Arthur Anderson & Helping Fight the St Clair Fire, Ken Gerasimos, Key Lakes**

- Ken provided an update on the status of the maintenance and repairs to the Arthur Anderson.
- Ken shared numerous pictures of the Anderson in dry dock.
- Ken shared the story of how a Key Lakes vessel was able to help fight the fire onboard the St Clair while docked in Toledo, OH this past winter.
- Ken shared many pictures of the effort to fight the fire, and of the aftermath and exterior damage to the St Clair.
- Ken answered several questions from those in attendance.

## **Change of Port Commander – Goodbye to CDR Williams, Erin Williams, USCG MSU**

- Commander Williams shared that her time as Commander of the Duluth-Superior port is coming to an end. She mentioned she is moving to a new duty at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. The new commander Frances Smith is coming from the MSU in Pittsburgh, and will replace Commander Williams in mid-June.
- Erin highlighted several specific issues that were addressed over the past couple of years, and expressed her enjoyment of working in this port, as well as the benefits of HTAC.

## **Roundtable**



Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council  
**HARBOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Summary**  
June 5, 2019  
Duluth International Airport, Duluth, MN

- Ted Smith shared the good news of high funding levels for the USACE. Funding is approximately \$7 billion nationally, and \$190 million for the Great Lakes – both up significantly from the past number of years.
- Ted Smith shared information out of Washington DC of how the Jones Act was protected from being eliminated by the President, after a couple of critical conversations from supporters of the Act. Ted and Ken Gerasimos explained why the Jones Act is important for US maritime businesses and workers.

**With no other items brought forward, Chair Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marshall Elder made the motion, and Ted Smith seconded. Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:57 AM.**