

PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION

May 30, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mrozinski at 7:03pm. Present were Denny Blue, Roger Burger, Frank English, and Jim Simons and guests Arne Johnson, Dave Herweyer(King Construction), Christopher Schropp and guest(Corps of Engineers), and Dave Meister(Onekama Township Supervisor).

The minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by English and second by Blue, with all voting in favor.

Simons reported that the Township has approved the SAD for combating invasive lake weeds for another 10 years. Also that there is a small amount of phragmites being treated this year. Township meetings explained the treatment of these weeds were very positive with excellent public support.

Mr. Dave Herweyer reported that they began construction on May 1st and to date 90% of the steel sheeting of the channel walls has been installed, they have less than 200 feet remaining, and should be complete within the next 2 weeks. They have received 9 loads of stone and 2/3 of the stone has been placed, a total of 22,000 tons of stone will be installed. They will leave a 12" X 12" base at each ladder location for a life ring station if we so choose to install them in the future. After the steel sheeting work King will move to pour concrete for wall support, sidewalks, etc. There was a discussion on dredging of the channel and the problem with clay formations found a (2) locations in the channel floor that are of concern.

Mr. Chris Schropp reported that the Corps and King have reviewed the wave attenuator on the south side and believe that they can move a portion of stone back towards the wall which will mean less protrusion into the channel. This

modification will have to be approved by the structural engineer for the Corps of Engineers.

Blue reported that the Michigan Port Collaborative met on April 18, 2019 in Lansing to release the Economic Sustainability Study, which is 163 pages. Dan Berhing attended. The study was for the 17 participating communities, which Onekama is one. The biggest surprise of the study was that the ports generate about 4 times as much money as was thought. Al and Dan have a committee of 12 people who are looking improvements for Onekama.

Mrozinski shared a request he received from Gabriel Schneider, Northern Strategies a State of Michigan Organization reporting to the Governor. Schneider asked for information regarding current staffing, shortages, type of skills required and future needs to sustain local business. Jim responded and said that his biggest need was for finding qualified people to fill positions in his organization.

New business.....none

Discussion.....none

Public comment....none

Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simons