

**Meeting Name:** Fox River Flood Commission Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** 9/12/2019

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Bartlett Nature Center, Bartlett, Illinois

**Purpose:** Fox River Flood Commission

**Attendees:** see attached list (quorum reached)

**Meeting Agenda:** see attached

### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began at 1 pm

Welcome and Introductions -Chair Loren Wobig, Director IDNR Office of Water Resources and Commission Chair began with a welcome and introductions

February, April and July meeting minutes were approved.

The survey results were discussed. There were 59 participants: 6 counties, the Fox Waterway Agency, 12 townships, 39 municipalities and 1 HOA.

A few regulatory higher standards were compared:

Freeboard:

- 3 feet along Fox River in Kane County
- 2 feet – 28 communities
- 1 foot – 17 communities

Cumulative Tracking Substantial Damage:

- 13 do not track
- 14 Ten years
- 15 Life of Structure
- 2 Five years
- 2 After a Specified date.

Other data collected discussed included:

- 16 reported Flooding outside of Regulatory Floodplain
- 15 reported Critical Infrastructure in the Floodplain
  - ▶ 4 Wastewater treatment plants
  - ▶ North Aurora Village Hall
  - ▶ Fox Waterway Agency
  - ▶ 2 Police/fire stations
  - ▶ 2 schools
- 13 have used State or Federal Mitigation Grant Programs
- 27 have a Flood Response Plan

- 12 have Local Flood Risk Maps
- 20 need Floodplain Mapping along tributaries/unstudied Zone A
- 31 listed top mitigation needs
  - ▶ **Buyouts throughout the watershed**
  - ▶ **Updated Mapping**
  - ▶ Pump stations
  - ▶ Storm sewer improvements
  - ▶ Shoreline stabilization
  - ▶ Detention basin construction
  - ▶ Detention basin retrofits
  - ▶ Roadway improvements to address roadway and local flooding
  - ▶ Local floodplain and stormwater management plan
  - ▶ Bathymetric survey of river and lakes
  - ▶ Dam repair

Current Shortfalls in Existing Flood Control Practices was recapped.

- Rainfall and Stream Flow Gages
- New and Updated Floodplain Mapping
- Comprehensive Planning for Open Space and Mitigation/Buyout Strategies
- Using Update Rainfall Data and Future Conditions
- Uniformity in Floodplain Regulations (Freeboard, etc.)
- Requirements for use of BMPs
- Sandbagging Risks and Impact on Damages
- Use of Cumulative Substantial Damage for Mitigation

The Commission then discussed the long-term structure and purpose of a coalition . The Commission agreed that the structure of the Coalition should include the counties in the watershed, adding the counties not originally included in the Commission membership. Also discussed was the inclusion of municipal representation and other stakeholders in long-term. This could be accomplished through an executive committee and technical or advisory committees to be determined by the Coalition in the future.

Issues raised to be addressed by the Coalition include:

- need for additional revenue sources to address flooding
- runoff coming across the state line,
- coordination with the State of Wisconsin, including a compact,
- coordination with municipalities,
- sharing of resources across the watershed
- balancing recreational needs with water quality and flooding concerns
- coordination of education on flood preparedness, grant writing education to bring mitigation funding to the watershed
- need for flood control along the tributaries

- development of a better rain gage and stream gage network to improve flood forecasting, flood control structure design and floodplain mapping









At the conclusion of this discussion, the Commission voted to form the Fox River Flood Coalition, a non-legislative, ad-hoc group with representation from each county in the watershed, the Fox Waterway Agency and an IDNR liaison. Joe Keller of the Fox Waterway Agency will act as the Coalition's executive secretary/administrator, organizing the meetings and Coalition mailings.

The remainder of the agenda was not discussed.

The next meeting was planned for mid-November to discuss the draft plan to be written by the IDNR/OWR staff and distributed for review and comments prior to the meeting.

Adjournment – 3:10 pm

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