

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting Lake Barkley Recreational Boating Project Delivery Team,

1. Dianne Edwardson (COE, Operations Manager, Western Kentucky Area): - Welcome and comments or corrections to minutes of 18 July 2006 meeting.

One correction Mike Enschede's purpose of meeting to read:

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 Outlined the purpose of this team's goals as short term changes that can be accomplished without triggering additional National Environmental Policy Review (NEPA) or that would involve a simpler NEPA review process to include but not be limited to:
- Appointed committee members to flesh out Project Management Plan:
 Greg Batts, Chairman; members Bob Rogers, John Ruffli, Kayl Kite
- Initiated a group brainstorming session to develop ideas for benchmark and time frame for improved recreational boating on Lake Barkley.

2. Group brainstorming session: Q: question, A: answer, C: comment

- C: (Waddell) Buoys are missing or not in the right place, public needs a way to report missing buoys, secondary channels need dredging, look for ways to increase tourism.
- C: (Rogers) Navigation maps need to be updated; topographical maps with contours are needed, increased locations that have maps.
- C: (Lasher) Underwater obstructions need to be marked or removed.
- C: (Hawkins) Boat ramps need to be designed and located to best serve the public.
- C: (Stone) Inadequate bumper pads and tie up at courtesy docks are causing damage to boats.
- C: (Turley) Multi-jurisdictional oversight is needed – public doesn't know where to report problems.
- C: (Ruffli) Additional courtesy docks needed.
- C: (Rogers) Courtesy docks need to be farther from ramps to facilitate use.
- C: (Nilius) Improve infrastructure, update maps, identify different users needs.
- C: (Looney) Additional educational programs for public on water safety (Available sources; Glen Hendon, towing industry provides info on Tow Boat Safety and Bob Fralick, Kentucky provides State Boating Safety)
- C: (Warner) Solar lights on buoys, reduced speed in marina, increase limited dockable areas.
- C: (Ruffli) Bays and coves also need to have hazards identified/marked or removed.
 Q: (Ruffli) How long is the permit process, who pays cost?
- A: (Higgs) First priority is to identify the hazards, federal government can not fully fund but two programs are available (both cost share); Aquatic Habitat where dredge materials are used to build habitat, Beneficial Use of Dredge Materials.
- C: (Lasher) Livingston County has had difficulties acquiring dredge authority.

- C: (Simpson) Post number to call for safety hazards (posted locations - ramps and marinas).
- C: (Simpson) Navigation maps are available online – spread the word.
- C: (Simpson) Develop citizen action committees and partnerships to work together to secure funding thru legislation.
- C: (Higgs) Private dock owners can dredge – develop better application procedures.
- C: (Sneed) Market toward ecotourism, look at target market changes; demographics, school breaks, and summer vacation.
- C: (Batts) Increase hazard marking, explicit warnings on buoys (shallow water, idle zones) Little River is area that needs immediate hazard assessment.
- C: (Turley) Develop pamphlet on chart reading and safe boating.
- C: (Simpson) GPS systems on boat.
- C: (Turley) Mark courtesy docks as “No Swimming, No Fishing”
- C: (Rister) Aquatic vegetation management, adopt TVA signs about lake levels, marinas & resorts need to upgrade/perform housekeeping, increased fish habitats. Find innovative ways to educate visitors, they need to use maps to navigate the water as they need maps to navigate the highway.
- C: (Sneed) Sediment survey was last done in 1984, update survey is long overdue as a result of budget cuts.
- C: (Fralick) Post signs at ramps to indicate hazards and water levels, improve boat ramps and parking (very inadequate on Barkley especially during fishing tournaments), additional facilities are needed.
- C: (Hendon) Change ingrained perceptions of Barkley, are boat hazards keeping visitors from using the lake?
- C: (Waddell) Notification plan for obstructions.
- C: (Hendon) Simplify buoy system, too many buoys and colors can be confusing, more basic “Danger” buoys.
- C: (Rogers) Consider legal/liability issues.
- C: (Lasher) Use corresponding color codes on maps and ramps.
- C: (Stone) Expand pamphlet distribution to hotels, restaurants, tourism, offices, parks.
- C: (Dyer) Extend walkway of private docks (10’ to 15’ extension could make a difference in length of time boats can stay in the water).
- C: (Sneed) Extend ramps or dredge, need longer flatter ramps.
- C: (Higgs) Identify ramps that need to be extended or dredged.
- C: (Turley) Publicize group’s efforts; newspapers, create a web site for PDT ideas, comments, and committee progress.
- C: (Crick) Volunteered to make some media contacts.
- C: (Batts) Wanted to go on the record - how much tourism is being lost, not just to fishermen but also tourism in general especially during fall school breaks.

3. Tim Higgs (COE, Project Planning Branch): Environmental Assessment is still out for public comments; the Paducah Sun printed an incorrect email address.

4. Conclusion (Dianne Edwardson): Next meeting will on 14 September 2006, at BB&T Bank, Grand Rivers, KY. Ideas from this meeting will be consolidated and defined. Sub committee groups will be established for independent projects.

5. Meeting location: BB&T Bank, Grand Rivers, Kentucky
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