

PAC Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021

1330 ET

- **Corps Foundation update: Greg Miller**
 - **NEEF Grant Berlin Lake Grant.** Corps Foundation was selected for the Restoration and Resilience Recovery Fund grant. The grant is a partnership with Berlin Lake, to improve safety and accessibility of the Tailwater Angler Access Trail at the Mill Creek Recreation Dam. The role of the Corps Foundation is to function as a fiscal agent to administer and oversee management of the grant funds. The primary role of Berlin Lake is to oversee and manage the work plan, to improve the Tailwater Access by installing new steps, solar lighting and interpretive signing.
 - **INVEST Act Advocacy.** Background: In March 2020, the advocacy team visited Congressional members during a “Day on the Hill”. During the visits, met with Callie Hoyt, Director, Federal Government Relations, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and began a series of conference calls to pursue joint advocacy efforts. As a result, Congress directed USACE to establish a Recreation Task to assess the overall condition of recreation facilities and quantify deferred maintenance and repair backlogs.
 - **Legislative Initiatives:** Check out recent Facebook post on advocacy for the INVEST Act. It contains information on how to contact appropriate committee members with sample letters. We also are in the process of asking over 150 stakeholders to voice support to pass Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) funding distribution to USACE (set FLTP funding at \$555 million with a set aside for USACE at \$16 million representing 2.8 percent of total proposed funding).
 - **New Reference Advocacy guide.** For partners and stakeholders with search links, source information about the NRM program including list of all lakes and waterways with visitation data . It contains 117th US Congress House and Senate members, including committee and subcommittee assignments; 2022 USACE NRM program advocacy issues/initiatives; Suggested appeal letters.
 - **Stakeholder Sign On Opportunity.** In July 2021, Ms. Hoyt and the Corps Foundation hosted a virtual meeting of potential partners to amplify the support for the USACE NRM Program. It resulted sign on letter to amplify interest in support of the NRM program and add voices to our Congressional outreach.
 - **Website Update.** Our website is undergoing a complete redo. Because the website was hacked last winter our webmaster had to completely eliminate the old formatting and editing system and start over. He was able to save the content, but lost editing capability, structure and format. It has a completely new look and as soon as the editing tools are fixed we will be further updating the content. We hope to have some more creative options to make changes such as a plug in for an automatic Facebook feed. We also have an updated Innovation Team STORE.
 - **Enduring Service.** Letters and coins sent to unsuccessful nominators
 - **CG Campaign.** This summer, the “Swimming Challenge” video PSA is being shown in movie theaters near fourteen U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lakes. That video shows one of the most common ways that people drown. The 14 lakes selected for movie ads were those with the most water-related fatalities in the past five years. “I Got Caught” campaigns are being promoted across the nation at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lakes where a park ranger notices you wearing your life jacket you could get a Campaign beach towel!
 - **CIG class-** possibly set up at NWW (Dworshak, LG, IH, McNary)
- **SWD welcome/introductions of all team members-** Jennifer Linde
- **Fall PAC Meeting- Rend Lake, IL NOV 15-19, 2021**

- **Agenda** – Heather, Scott, Phil share draft agenda and get input from team. Heather will share a DRAFT agenda with the group. Send comments/additions to Heather by 5 Aug.
- **Request/approval-** Heather will submit approval request to HQ 6 Aug
- **Site Visit-** Scott, Heather, and Phil work with Rend staff to develop itinerary to meet with partners and see partnership projects onsite.
- **Award Ceremony, NOV 18-** Heather and Phil work with Rend staff to coordinate ceremony (RAH for Colonel, briefing paper, schedule, etc.)
- **Travel logistics** – STL airport 1 ½ hour drive, Lodging Mt Vernon Doubletree (30 min)
- Rachel Garren plans to attend the ceremony to represent the Corps Foundation

- **FY 22 Classes- Four are on schedule in Purple Book**

- **NAP/Blue Marsh: Oct 25-28, 2021-** Instructors: Francis, Tennille, Heath, Heather (Scott, Taylor, Miriam, Sig self-fund.)
 - 3 instructors paid by ULC: Francis, Tennille, Heath.
 - Self-funded: Scott, Taylor S, Miriam, Sig (Allen?)
 - Taylor B, Phil, Jennifer audit, self-fund
 - Block of Rooms are available to make reservations
 - Scott- discussion of agenda and field trip overview (Scott sent the group a DRAFT field trip agenda) (Heather will send paperwork to Scott for bus transportation contract)
 - Instructor topics – all have been assigned
 - Office/Meeting Room details
 - Heather will put latest slides for presentations on the Google Classroom Drive

Day	Topic	Instructor	
Monday	Welcome, Intros, Housekeeping	Heather	
	Class Overview and Introduction to Partnership Program	Heather	
	Who are our partners/building partnership capacity	Francis	
	NRM Gateway Partnership Pages discussion	Miriam	
	Contributions Program	Taylor	
	MOU/MOA	Scott	
	Challenge Partnerships	Francis	
Tuesday	Monday recap	Heather	
	Challenge Cost-Share Cooperative Management Agreements	Miriam	
	Understanding Non profit and For-profit partners	Tennille	
	Corps Foundation	Heather or Marilyn	
	Cooperating Associations	Taylor	
	Grants	Sig	
	Handshake Program and Exercise	Heath	
	Cooperative Agreements	Sig	
Economy Act	Heath		
Wednesday	Field Trip - Blue Marsh	Scott	
Thursday	Field Trip review	Heather	
	Volunteer Program	Tennille	

	NRM Assessment/OMBIL	Francis
	Water Safety Partnerships	Tennille
	University Partnerships	Sig
	Military Partnerships	Scott
	Special Events with Partners	Taylor
	Putting Principles and Tools Into Action Exercise (break during)	Heather
	Review Slides and Jeopardy	Miriam
	Wrap up/Evaluations/Post Test/Certificates/SF 82 Forms	

- **Allatoona/Carters: May 2-5, 2022-** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting, Miriam self-funded, new NWD and LRD audit (self-funded)
- **NWS/Lake Washington Ship Canal: Aug 8-11, 2022** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting, Alana self-funded
- **Willamette Valley: September 19-22, 2022** Instructors: TBD at Fall PAC meeting
- **FY 23 classes:** Will need to select locations and dates NLT Oct 2021. Would like to offer 3 again. Ideas on locations? **Need input from NWD, SAD, SPD, SWD**
- **Newsletter-**
 - **Get articles to Scott/Jennifer by 01 AUG 21**
 - Need articles, only received from Heather
 - Need more input from projects
- **Handshake-**
 - Webinar dates (JULY 28 @ 12pm Central time) & (AUG 18 @10am Central Time)
 - Working with some lakes to complete agreements (still have 2 in FY20)
 - **Need final reports posted on Gateway (2013-2017)- ALL**
 - **Need agreements for FY 20 to post on NRMG- ALL**
 - **Include Heather on all final reports sent to Heath.**
- **NPT Park Passport app-** data has been provided to NPT, working on launch
 - **Data has been provided. Heather will send out an email once the App is launched**
- **NRM Strategic Plan-** Officially finalized
- **MOUs-** **need to revisit and start working on these again-Any Progress?**
 - YMCA- Francis -**Completed**
 - **Ruffed Grouse Society-Draft was returned by RGS, ready to submit to USACE for comments -Scott**
 - **Pheasants Forever-Have made a contact, no activity yet-Scott**
 - **Boy Scouts- Working with local Council to develop a national contact- Scott**
 - **TU- Taylor -Have a national contact and working with them. May use the Ruffed Grouse as an example.**
 - **NWTF- Jennifer- Nothing to report at this time**
 - **Girl Scouts- Phil – Reached out to Girls Scouts again. Did receive an automatic reply email stating that someone would be getting back with me.**

- 4-H: Tennille/Jennifer – Nothing new to report at this time
- Outdoor Alliance: Heather waiting for draft

- **Webinars:**
 - Handshake webinars: (JULY 28 @ 12pm Central time) & (AUG 18 @10am Central Time)
 - NRM Assessment webinars: Allison/Taylor B (OCT 4 @ 1200 central, OCT 22 @ 1000 Central, NOV 8 at 1400 central)
 - EIP/VOY: Sep 8 and Nov 3

- **Challenge Partnerships, Cooperating Association, Volunteer, Contributions, CCSCMA policy updates-** Once all PAC edits have been made, Heather will start formal routing process through HQUSACE. Please get input to Heather by 6 AUG 2021

- **Additions:** Partnership groups using GO-Fund me accounts? USACE doesn't have constructive control over how a partner chooses to fundraise. But may want to monitor to make sure partners are not using USACE logo without permission or not accurately describing the funding needs of USACE.

- **NEXT PAC CALL-** August 23, 27, 30, 31. Doodle poll to follow