PROJECT: ACEC IDNR Committee Meeting

DATE: September 19, 2017, 12:00-1:30pm at Parsons office

I. List of Attendees (attached)
   a. Mr. Dan Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 12pm
   b. Minutes recorded by Mr. Neal Bennett
   c. Present committee members introduced themselves

II. ACEC Mission Statement

III. Discussion of DNR Committee purpose

IV. Update from Subcommittees
   a. Floodplain Modeling Guidelines
      i. Chair: Siavash Beik
      ii. Guidelines updated and published except Chapter 7, which is pending completion carried over from 2016
      iii. New IDNR Division of Water Online Research Center (DOWORC) tool. GIS shows location of every permit in play, dams, BFE’s, etc. on the Division of Water website
      iv. INDOT hydraulics section has a weekly priority list status of reports under review
      v. HEC RAS 5.0.3 is available and now accepted by IDNR/INDOT (1D models only right now)
      vi. Bridge non-modeling worksheet should be out in a couple of weeks, which is a revised version of the Replacement in-kind worksheet
      vii. Looking at organizing a new HEC RAS course at Rose-Hulman in the winter
   b. Mitigation
      i. Chair: Neal Bennett
      ii. Mitigation Matrix – there may be a need to update the matrix due to possible issues with tree size and number per acre being requested in some basins
      iii. In-Lieu Fee program – delayed, possibly rolled out in January 2018.
         1. Prequal with IDOA for consultants/contractors
         2. Fee schedule available online
         3. Instrument under review by USACE and other agencies
iv. Low Head dams may be considered for out-of-kind mitigation if they are removed as part of a project
v. There is no consistent mitigation for mussels. Seems to be riparian zone enhancements or donations to mussel research initiatives at this time
c. Temporary subcommittee – IDNR Capacity
   i. Chair: Dan Miller
   ii. Other members: John, Neal, Gary
   iii. Create temporary subcommittee to address the staffing shortage at IDNR
   iv. Look at updating prequals for outsourcing IDNR work load
   v. Goal is to create something that we can hand to the commissioner/governor’s office that explains the staffing issues and possible solutions as recommended from this committee and ACEC

V. IDNR Liaison Meeting
   i. This year’s IDNR Liaison meeting will be broken into targeted meetings (i.e. separate meetings with IDNR Hydraulics, Fish and Wildlife, etc.). These are preliminarily planned for early December. Therefore, subcommittees have been tasked with meeting before the end of October, if possible.

VI. Other Discussion Topics
   a. Should IDEM and USACE combine permits and permit reviews?
      i. Currently there are discussions on IDEM taking over Section 404

VII. ACEC upcoming events
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Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. 2017 Strategic Plan
   a) Vision – To respect, elevate and cultivate the engineering profession for a better Indiana.
   b) Mission – To be the collective voice of the Indiana consulting engineering community.
   c) Tag Line – Engineering a better Indiana.

III. Purpose of the Committee
   - Serves as the liaison between ACEC Indiana members and IDNR staff.
   - Maintains an open line of communications with IDNR.
   - Assists IDNR with the hope of improving communication and services.
   *Members participation is vital to accomplishing the purpose and goals of the committee!

IV. Subcommittees
   A) Floodplain Modeling Guidelines Subcommittee
      a. Updates
         i. Modeling Guidelines - Chapter 7
         ii. Replacement in-kind Worksheet
         iii. HEC-RAS 5
      b. 2017-18 Chair/Subcommittee Members
   B) Mitigation Subcommittee
      a. Updates
         i. In-Lieu Fee
         ii. Floodway Mitigation Matrix
         iii. Low-head Dam Removal
      b. 2017-18 Chair/Subcommittee Members

V. IDNR Liaison Committee Meeting
   a. Topics
   b. Goals

VI. ACEC Upcoming Events:
   - October 10, 2017 – Finance Forum Luncheon (Indianapolis, IN)
   - October 16, 2017 – ACEC IN & ACEC TN Networking Night at National Conference (Orlando, FL)
   - October 26, 2017 – ACEC Diversity Businesses and Majority Firms Networking Fair (Indianapolis, IN)
   - November 2, 2017 – Engineering Leadership Program 2017-18 (Indianapolis, IN)
   - November 9, 2017 – ACEC Indiana Northern Roundtable 2017 (Winona Lake, IN)