Inland Wetlands Agency

Date: June 10, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes
Time: 7:07 p.m.

Location: Derby City Hall / Zoom

Meeting called to order: at 7:07 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Paul Denise, Ray Bowers, Jennifer Desroches
Paul Padilla (arrived late due to traffic)

3. Public Portion

The Chair opened the public portion and invited comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda. No formal public comments were received. During this portion of the meeting, the Chair noted that the Agency's fee schedule should be reviewed and updated at a future meeting because the current structure does not fully account for the costs of processing applications, particularly where applications are denied. Ryan McEvoy, consulting engineer for the City, advised that because the fee schedule is contained within the regulations, any modification would require a public hearing unless the fee schedule were removed from the regulations and adopted separately.

The Chair stated that this matter would be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

4. Application Received

The Agency reviewed an Inland Wetlands application submitted May 12, 2026, by **Joseph Jelowick for property known as 90 and 114 Sodom Lane**. The proposed activity was described as the creation of a parking area for existing buildings and a proposed auto service shop within the 50-foot regulated wetlands area.

Chairman stated that the property had appeared before the Agency in prior years and expressed concern that additional review was warranted before the matter proceeded. He noted that the Agency had not yet received or reviewed all supporting materials, including the soils information, and stated that further clarification would also be helpful regarding the precise nature and scope of the proposed auto service use.

Mr. McEvoy advised the Agency regarding the statutory timeline for action on the application. He explained that the application was deemed received at the prior scheduled meeting date and that, absent a public hearing, the Agency would need to act within the applicable statutory period. He further advised that if the Agency elected to hold a public hearing, it could open the hearing at the next regular meeting and retain discretion to close it that same evening if appropriate.

Following discussion, the consensus of the Agency was that a public hearing should be scheduled in light of potential public interest and to allow staff and the consulting engineer additional time to review the submission and supporting materials.

Motion: Paul Padilla motioned to schedule a public hearing for the application of Joseph Jalowiec concerning 90 and 114 Sodom Lane for the Agency's next meeting on July 8, 2026, based on public interest. **Second:** Ray Bowers. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

5. Payment of Bills

No bills were presented for payment.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, a motion to adjourn by: Paul Padilla was made and seconded by: Ray Bowers. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Desroches
Secretary of the Inland wetland Commission