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FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Summary of Proceedings

Fox River Navigational System Authority
11:00 A.M. Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Fratello's Waterfront Restaurant
1501 Arboretum Drive, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Authority Members in Attendance:

Ron Van De Hey, Outagamie County
William Raaths, Winnebago County
John Shier, Brown County
Jean Romback-Bartels, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Will Dorsey, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Jim Draeger, Wisconsin State Historical Society
Tim Rose, Outagamie County
John Vette, Winnebago County

Authority Members Absent:

Open, Brown County

Guests and Staff in Attendance:

Phil Ramlet, OMNNI
Tim Bolwerk, OMNNI
Dennis G. Arnoldussen, FRNSA Operations Manager
Steve Paladini, Boldt Construction
Candice Mortara, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway
Susan Marjenka, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway
Dave Muench, Group Process Facilitator
Harlan Kiesow, FRNSA CEO
Robert Stark, FRNSA Staff

Board Chairman Ron Van De Hey called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

1. **Introductions:** Chair Van De Hey asked for introductions.

2. **Approval of Minutes of August, 2012 Authority Meeting:**

Chair Van De Hey called for additions or corrections to the minutes.

A motion to approve the August, 2012 minutes as published was made by Tim Rose.
Second by Jean Romback-Bartels. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Financial Status Reports, T. Rose**
 - a. **Operational Budget**
 - b. **Capital Budget**

Tim Rose stated he has reviewed the financial reports and finds them to be in order.

- c. **Unlock the Fox Fund**

Tim Rose noted the fund total and how the fund has been performing.

Tim Rose made a motion to approve the financial reports and fund report and place on file. Motion second by Bill Raaths. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Van De Hey changed the order of the agenda to accommodate those in attendance for the Engineering Committee Report.

5. **Property Committee Report, J. Draeger**

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- 6 a. **Status on Lock Tender House Proposals, H. Kiesow**

Harlan Kiesow reported the process leading to developing a lease with the developers is moving along. All the necessary documents have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Office in Madison for review and approval. The lease should be ready for signing next month. The contractor completing the viewing and fishing piers for the De Pere Trail Project is installing a temporary bridge of barges across the canal to be in place October thru November, 2012. The developers hope to be able to do their heavy construction during that period.

Discussions are continuing for plans for re-use of the Menasha house. A group of businessmen is developing a plan similar to the De Pere house that would have offices for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway upstairs and open-public use downstairs.

Discussions are continuing about the possible donation to the Authority of the property adjacent to the Menasha house.

- b. **Status of DOA Property Actions, H. Kiesow**

The State Building Commission will accept the Friends of the Fox Kaukauna properties adjacent to Kaukauna Lock #5 at their November, 2012 meeting.

Other topics discussed at the recent DOA meeting are being reviewed by the DOA attorney and recommendations are expected soon.

- c. **Lt. Chute Canal Survey Progress, H. Kiesow**

McMahon has been doing survey work to locate FRNSA property lines on the north side of the canal. Markers will then be installed. After the markers are installed property owners will be contacted about encroachments and docks currently in the canal. A formal policy will need to be developed.

Inquiries are being received at the office from adjoining property owners about the possible placement of docks in the canal.

6. **Status of the Heritage Parkway Plan, C. Mortara**

Candice Mortara stated the Interpretive Plan is being completed and will be presented by the end of December.

The Interpretive Plan team is looking into possible grants for Rapide Croche. The team is investigating locks in Europe and if there is the possibility of adapting their methods for Rapide Croche as a tourist draw. The team is planning a conference call with Dr. Phil Moy to discuss Aquatic Invasive Species and Rapide Croche.

Tim Rose stated there needs to be a plan so that FWHP – FOF – and FRNSA work together.

Candice stated she has attended meetings of a local T Party Initiative group that is opposing the FWHP proposal saying that it creates a federal land grab.

The FWHP has asked Ken Kasten of Boldt to prepare an estimate for rebuilding the kayak portages that have failed. A way to fund the project needs to be found.

The FWHP is seeking a Health Impact Grant to make the water trail ADA Accessible and is requesting a letter of support from the FRNSA.

The FWHP is investigating the purchase of a steamboat used for environmental and historic interpretation to be brought here for use on the waterway.

4. **Engineering Committee Report, W. Dorsey**

- a. **Resolution No. 10-12:** Approving Oscar J. Boldt Construction Design/Build Contract for Kaukauna Locks #1, # 2, #3, and Dry Dock Gate Restoration

Will Dorsey made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 10-12:** Approving Oscar J. Boldt Construction Design/Build Contract for Kaukauna Locks #1, # 2, #3, and Dry Dock Gate Restoration for a total cost of \$3,145,051.00 that includes \$56,051.00 for Builders Risk Insurance.

Harlan Kiesow and Phil Ramlet discussed the recommendation to include the Builders Risk Insurance for the FRNSA's protection. Discussion followed as to why the FRNSA

may or may not need this insurance and whether the FRNSA is covered under Wisconsin State Risk Management. Harlan Kiesow stated the FRNSA is self-insured.

John Shier made a motion not to purchase the Builders Risk Insurance at a cost of \$56,051.00. Motion second by Tim Rose. Motion passed unanimously.

John Shier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-12 with the amended cost of \$3,089,000.00. Motion second by Tim Rose. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Report on Kaukauna Lock #5 Design Contract

Harlan Kiesow reported the DOT has reviewed the Preliminary Plan and Preliminary Drawings for the Kaukauna Lock #5 rebuild project. Copies of the report and drawings were handed out and discussed. This completes the 60% phase of the Lock #5 Schedule for the Design and Bidding Phase. Section 106 and environmental documentation will be completed by mid October. The 90% plan will be completed by mid November. Final plan submittal is expected mid December. Bidding is anticipated in March/April/May 2013 with construction in 2013.

A motion to accept the 60% progress report Plan for the Design and Bidding Phase was made by Jim Draeger. Second by Tim Rose. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Operations Report, D. Arnoldussen

Dennis Arnoldussen stated commercial traffic is down because of where the contractors who normally use the locks are working on projects this year.

This Saturday there is a special lockage through the Appleton Locks for the Oktoberfest Paddle Event.

Maintenance work this month included the grinding out of 120 tree stumps at various lock site locations.

Lunda has completed its project at Rapide Croche and Little Kaukauna and is doing restoration landscaping.

8. Communications

Harlan Kiesow reported the Will Stark Memorial Bench Dedication at De Pere Lock took place last Sunday.

The Jack Nelson Memorial Bench Dedication at the Menasha Lock is scheduled for October 11, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. and anyone able to attend is invited.

The Annual Corps/FRNSA Cooperative Meeting is scheduled for October 23 at the FRNSA office. Board members are welcome to attend.

The Corps has scheduled a ribbon cutting event by the Undersecretary of the Army at the De Pere dam for October 25 to highlight improvements made there. The FRNSA has been invited.

9. Other

Will Dorsey stated Little Chute is expecting a letter from the Federal Highway Commission and Wisconsin DOT to allow a service vehicle to use the new Mill Street pedestrian bridge. Upon approval by Little Chute, the project can move ahead. The schedule is very aggressive to meet the deadline of 2015 to operate the Little Chute Locks.

There being no other business John Vette made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tim Rose. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Van De Hey adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.