

Fox River Navigational System Authority

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Summary of Proceedings Minutes

Fox River Navigational System Authority
Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018
FRNSA Office, 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130

Members present: Tim Rose (Chair), Jeffery Feldt (VC), Kathryn Curren (S), Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), William Dorsey (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO)

Members Absent: Bruce Enke, Tim Short, John Vette

Guests and Staff: Jeremy Cords, CEO FRNSA; Phil Ramlet, OMNNI; Mary Schmidt, Schmidt Communicates; Jason Vollrath, Erickson's and Associates; Aaron Cup, USGS

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review and approve meeting minutes from last Board Meeting
 - Approval moved by Will Dorsey, second by Jean Romback-Bartels, vote passed unanimously
3. Financial Audit Report – Jason Vollrath (Erickson's and Associates): Jason reviewed assets, balance sheet, statement of revenues/expenditures, changes in capital assets. Due to transition to Jeremy, we are going to start the audit earlier for timelier reporting to coincide with adopting the budgets. Discussion about collecting lock fees and Jeremy indicated moving forward we'll use a tech-based solution such as a square or similar swipe technology.
 - Jeff Feldt moved to accept audit, Will Dorsey seconded the motion, vote passed unanimously
4. Cooperation with USGS: USGS presented a proposal for a project experiment Co2 – Aaron Cup, research biologist from USGS. USGS is using CO2 as a deterrent for Asian Carp from entering Great Lakes. His team has completed proof of concept studies showing strong data that injecting CO2 into water will deter fish. The next step is to increase scale and test in the field with native species. USGS is proposing to temporarily install a CO2 deterrent system at the Kaukauna lock for a limited time in the summer of '19. The site is ideal because the locks will not be open for navigation due to the inoperable Kaukauna Bridge. Funding would be through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. USGS reviewed options for installing the piping needed to deliver CO2 into the lock and reviewed the process of infusing CO2 into the lock channel to determine if field will replicate the experiments. Data collection will involve: engineering the barrier, water quality, air quality/risk assessment, fish behavior, non-target organism toxicity (will review with DNR to review data needs). Timeline will be testing in Summer/Fall of 2019, with de-mobilization in fall of '19.
 - Jean Romback-Bartels explained the site is ideal because there are no species issues on either side of the lock and there's no potential for introducing non-native species.
 - Aaron Cup explained that CO2 is unique because it works on all types of fish.
 - Tim Rose asked if there is a problem concerning releasing greenhouse gases. Aaron explained that the CO2 is not being created, its carbon neutral.
 - Jeff Feldt made a motion that we accept the proposal, seconded by Will Dorsey, vote passed unanimously
5. Needs Action - Jeremy
 - Reviewed Omni and Associates monthly invoice. Appleton Lock 2 has a problem with the pin on the lock, continuing to meet on plans for the Visitor Center
 - Kathy Curren made a motion that we accept the invoice, seconded by Will Dorsey, vote passed unanimously
 - Preparing a proposal for Menasha: Working with OMNI to develop a plan.
 - De Pere Levee ACOE Time Line for Levee repair:
 - contractor bids are due Oct. 5,
 - contract will be awarded Oct. 19

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- construction will start Oct 30, 2018
- Levee will be finished by Dec. 31, 2018
- Rapide Croche – Public Trust Doctrine and issue of trespassing by at Rapide Croche: Jeremy reviewed information from attorneys regarding legality of access and trespass on the land at Rapide Croche; we do have the authority to prevent trespass. Discussion that although this is not a legal opinion, it is the basis for one to establish trespassing and we should consider gaining a legal opinion. Phil Ramlet asked if the state needs to provide a legal opinion rather than seeking external legal counsel.
 - Jean Romback-Bartels will address with DNR attorneys for direction on obtaining legal support services through DOA and DOJ.
- Reviewed Board and Executive Meeting Dates/Schedule
 - Kathy Curren made a motion that we accept the dates, seconded by Will Dorsey, vote passed unanimously
- Dry Dock Matter: Tim Rose explained that if there is a future possibility of re-flooding the dry dock area, there was potential for soil investigation and possible remediation. When the Army Corps excavated, all contaminated soil was removed from the lock gate to sluice way, then the Corps stopped because the remaining was state property. Discussion about who is the responsible party for remediation: the Army Corps of Engineers or FRNSA.
 - Jean will investigate the feasibility/legality of capping the area under question with cement
- Signage: We have five signs which need addresses added for the fire dept. Proposing that we finish the remaining signs, allocate funds for remaining locks so that we complete signage for all locks at once.
 - Next board meeting will have a written proposal with cost estimates.

6 Reports from Officers, Members, Committees

Tim Short—Tim was not able to attend meeting

- Jeremy reviewed Unlock the Fox Fund, revenues, and reviewed a Modified Cash Flow Statement for the board. Jeremy reviewed the unplanned maintenance and rehabilitation category and updated the proposed budget against actual budget.

Tim Rose

- Menasha Lock: With respect to creating a barrier for invasive species, there was concern that the velocity of the water flow could swirl around and go back through the locks. A team did dye tests in the locks to assess current velocity. Different colored dyes were added on the downriver side of Kaukauna lock 1, the gates were opened, and it appeared there was no back flushing in the lock. We are documenting information in a report to eventually submit to DNR for review.
- Visitor Center: certified survey has been submitted to the city
 - Split Rock: went through the entire plan and asked them to change the footprint. We are negotiating with Split Rock to streamline some display items due to cost, and then produce them locally.
 - Fundraising Committee: Board reviewed a list of team members for fundraising committee. Jean Romback-Bartels suggested there could be elements in the project that would qualify for grants from the state.

Will Dorsey:

- Bridges (Kaukauna, Little Chute) No update on status of Kaukauna Bridge. Village of Little Chute tweaked operations of bridge, at this point the village is prepared to accept the operations of the bridge as is and start operating bridge by fall '18. It is likely we will have a functional bridge at the Little Chute lock.

Kathryn Curren:

- Property committee is preparing an RFP from OMNI to assess condition of lock tender buildings and repairs needed.

7 Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Photos of board members will be updated at next meeting

8 Adjournment

- Adjournment moved by Will Dorsey, second by Jean Romback-Bartels, vote passed unanimously