

Fox River Navigational System Authority

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MINUTES

FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday April 26, 2022 – Board Meeting **3:00PM PROMPTLY**

Meeting Location: FRNSA Main Office 1008 Augustine St Kaukauna, WI

Virtual: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/412495285>

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Access Code: 412-495-285

Members: Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), Colleen Harris (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords

Attending In Person: Ron Van De Hey, Jeff Feldt, Tim Short, Kathryn Curren, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels, Colleen Harris, Daina Penkiunas, Jeremy Cords, George Tichacek, Phil Ramlet, Beth Taubel, Mary Schmidt (Marketing Vendor),

Attending Virtually: Patrick Forsythe (UWGB), Chris Acy (Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance)

Attending via Phone: Bruce Enke, one anonymous caller

Absent: N/A

Start:3:00P End: 6:00P

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - a. Discussion
 1. Kathy Curren motioned, Jean Romback-Bartels seconded, all approved
3. AIS Monitoring Project – UWGB – Patrick Forsythe
 - a. Review 2021 findings
 1. Slide show presentation by Patrick Forsythe
 2. Discussed types of Goby traps
 3. Discussed bait to attract Goby's to traps
 4. Round Goby are not in Lake Winnebago
 - b. Review/Approve contract 22-23
 1. Discussion
 1. Not obligated to do this study
 2. Valuable information regarding Barrier and monitoring
 3. Shows good stewardship
 4. Best interest of the whole system
 5. PR Spin
 6. Open Menasha Lock
 - a. DNR/Other groups concerned
 - b. Data could show that locks are not cause of Invasive species
 7. Price increase
 - a. UWGB overhead costs have increased

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- i. Project was grandfathered in with only a small increase in rate, other research projects increased 54%
 - ii. Mileage stipend increase
 - iii. Traveling to Winnebago Location more often
 1. Dropped the RCA site
 - a. Accessibility issues
 - b. Private Property
 - c. For Sale
8. Contract amount, \$76,554.00
 - a. Contract approved
 - i. Testing starts late May - August
 1. Tim Short motioned, Jeff Feldt seconded, all approved
4. Review and approval of Treasure's Report – Tim Short
 1. FRNSA Financial Statement
 1. Unlock the Fox increased \$136,400
 2. No cash disbursements in March
 2. Dashboard Report
 1. Expenditures
 - a. Maint for preparation of lock season
 - b. Capital Expenses
 - i. Dyke repair – App 2
 - ii. Flagpole – De Pere
 - c. Supplies for lock season
 - i. Tablets
 - ii. Wi-Fi
 - iii. Camaras
 - d. \$30,700+ for Liability Insurance
 - e. Spending not out of line
 3. Accept financial report
 1. Tim Short motioned, Daina Penkiunas seconded, all approved
5. Gov Outreach/Property Specialist Position
 - a. Introduction Phil Ramlet
 1. Phil will be starting with FRNSA Wednesday, April 27, 2020
6. Tugboat
 - a. Review proposal/discussion
 1. Only so many finite historical boats, this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to have one of the original tugboats that was used on the system by ACOE during the late 50's-80's
 2. Communicating with Manitowoc Maritime Museum regarding display, expenses and other considerations needed for this type of item
 3. Communicating with Friends of the Fox, they are interested in contributing funds and helping with grant applications using their non-profit 501c3 designation
 4. Tugboat would be a huge asset and serve an educational purpose along Kaukauna Lock Interpretive Trail
 5. Original cradle in drydock
 6. Tugboat would be fully rehabilitated

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7. The tugboat owner, Brian, requests a Letter of Commitment and half down if we are still interested. Brian has continued to hold tugboat for FRNSA, he was to have a final answer by end of day 03/22/22.
 8. Market is unpredictable.
 9. Other resources to put money into for upkeep and maintenance
 1. Tugboat would need additional upkeep and maintenance
 - b. Board decided against going forward with Tugboat purchase
 1. Colleen Harris motioned; Jeff Feldt seconded, all approved except Kathy Curren opposed
7. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen
1. Discuss for approval –
 1. Kleinschmidt Goby – invoice 000202202179 \$7,429.06 03/07/22
 - a. Presented at March meeting, not approved for payment
 - i. Complete draft review before payment
 - b. Board votes to pay in full, prior to receiving final draft
 - i. Colleen Harris motioned, Tim Short seconded, all approved
 1. Jean Romback-Bartels abstains
 2. Kleinschmidt Goby – invoice 000202203209 \$6,127.47 04/05/22
 - i. Complete draft review before payment
 - b. Board votes to pay in full, prior to receiving final draft
 - i. Colleen Harris motioned, Tim Short seconded, all approved
 1. Jean Romback-Bartels abstains
 3. Kleinschmidt Goby Study
 - a. DNR reviewed draft, no holes, nothing missed
 4. Westwood – invoice 3220300066 \$754.52 03/24/22
 - a. Board questioned Phil Ramlet how dam inspections are going
 - i. Westwood has done FRNSA dam inspections in past
 - ii. Contracted 2022 season with Roth Engineering
 1. \$4,500.00 Savings
 2. Dam inspections are going well
 - b. Colleen Harris motioned to approve payment of invoices, Jeff Feldt seconded, all approve
8. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
1. Update-
 - a. Reviewed Kaukauna Lock Tender house RFP presented by Kathy Curren
 - b. Approved projects that were time sensitive
 - c. Streamline Committee Structures
9. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
- a. Lock Tender House Rehabilitation
 1. Starting this process with RFP
 2. Update –
 1. RFP submitted to Daina Penkiunas office for review
 - b. HOV Interceptor Rehabilitation
 1. Discussion
 1. Replacement of sewage lines and other components that run in river
 2. Appleton to through Kaukauna
 3. Firm plan, but no timetable

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4. Getting permits
 5. Funding dispute
 - a. Kaukauna is opposed
 6. Project will impact lock properties
 7. Project will block navigation
 8. Will impact FRNSA's navigation season
 2. Possibly tie in with ACOE for draining locks
 - c. Ahlstrom Lease
 1. Meeting 05/09/22 at 1:30pm at FRNSA office with Mark Kjorlie
 1. Discuss
 - a. Contamination
 - b. Liability
 - c. Back Rent
 - d. Blue Shed
 1. Only so many finite historical buildings
 1. Rehabilitation
 2. Demolition
 1. Liability
 3. Alternatives
 1. Relocate
 2. Other
 4. Board needs to decide what to do with Blue Shed
 1. Communicate decision with SHPO
10. DNR – Jean Romback-Bartels -
 1. Update - ACOE Dry Dock –
 1. Remediation
 - a. ACOE has no timeline as to when Dry Dock remediation will be complete
 - b. ACOE states they don't have funds available
 - c. ACOE caused the contamination
 - i. ACOE needs to take responsibility for cleanup
 2. Discussion
 - a. FRNSA may need to take political route
11. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
 1. Update –
 1. Interested in lock tender house rehabilitation
 - a. Community Foundation
 - i. Nelson Fund
 - ii. Lots of changes at Community Foundation
 - b. Community First CU
 - i. Cathie Tierney
 - c. Prioritize
 - d. Plan
 - e. How to raise money
 - i. Community Foundation
 - ii. Fiscal Agent
 - iii. 501(c)3
 2. Kaukauna Lock Interpretive Trail Benches/Tables

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- a. Need a 501(c)3 to take contributions on FRNSA's behalf

12. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

1. Update – No Update

13. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(e)

a. Staffing

1. Colleen Harris motioned to go into close session, Jeff Feldt seconded, all approve
2. Board left prior to going back into open session and adjourning, John Vette remained and spoke with Jeremy Cords regarding an email of highlights of projects completed in the last year
3. OOM contacted board chair, Ron Van De Hey, to discuss closing meeting. Ron Van De Hey stated Tim Short motioned to go back into session and adjourn, Jeff Feldt seconded, all approved
4. Ron Van De Hey stated no actions taken (no votes/no decisions made)

14. Adjournment