

**Fox River Navigational System Authority**

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**MINUTES**

**FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**Meeting Location: De Pere Lock Tender House, with 3 Dam Guys**  
**195 James Street, De Pere, WI 54115**

**Call in Information: 920-850-1677**

**Members:** Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), Tom Buchholz (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Phil Ramlet

**Attending:** Ron Van De Hey, Jeff Feldt, Tim Short, Kathy Curren, Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels, Daina Penkiunas, Phil Ramlet, Beth Taubel

**Not Attending:** Tom Buchholz – excused (vacation)

Start: 3:00p End: 4:10p

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
  - a. John Vette has accepted reappointment to board
  - b. Kathy Curren has declined reappointment to board
  - c. Phil Ramlet has identified some potential candidates to fill vacancy on board
2. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
  - a. Discussion
    1. Kathy Curren motioned to accept previous minutes, after corrections, Daina Penkiunas seconded, all approved
3. Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Tim Short
  1. FRNSA Financial Statement
    1. No surprises
    2. Budget managed very well for FYE 06/30/2022
  2. Dashboard Report
    1. Tim Short to compare cash disbursements from last year
  3. Budget Approval
    1. Added \$150K for Electrical Ground Resistivity Study
      - a. Check for voids/compaction/etc.
      - b. Request (2) quotes
      - c. Start with highest risk levee first
    2. Budget up significantly
    3. No Revenue listed on budget
    4. Building budget will be added into 2023 FYE budget

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- a. Update
  - i. Heating/Cooling
- 5. Tim Short motioned to approve budget, Jeff Vette seconded, all approved

4. Executive Director – Phil Ramlet

a. Community Foundation Agreement

1. Discussion

- 1. Community Foundation has agreed to be FRNSA's fiscal agent for donations going forward
  - a. 2.598% Fee assessed
  - b. \$0.26 per Transaction fee
  - c. Administrative fee of \$250.00 per month (\$3,000.00 annually)
    - i. Phil Ramlet will double check on these fees
  - d. Tim Short motioned to approve in principle, Jeff Feldt seconded, all approved
    - i. Don't need to get too deep with details, will finalize at a later date
  - e. Donors can realize a tax deduction by utilizing Community Foundation as our fiscal agent

b. Kleinschmidt Study

1. Update

- 1. Call with Jason Kent from Kleinschmidt
  - a. Postponed call
    - i. Board needs to review study
      - 1. Electrical barrier doesn't seem to affect Goby 2 cm or smaller
        - a. Extra sill on bottom?
          - i. How would this work?
        - b. Double flush lock?
        - c. Stun/disable/kill other fish?
        - d. Study to be published this year
          - i. No proprietary information
          - ii. Open to public
      - ii. DNR internal Goby team meeting to go over study
        - 1. Will put together concerns/questions
          - a. Meet with Kleinschmidt and interested Board members, meeting to discuss questions and concerns
      - iii. Learning from other studies
        - 1. What has failed? Succeeded?
        - 2. Locations with Goby issues
          - a. Lake Champlain/Hudson River: New York, Quebec, Canada, and Vermont
            - i. Kleinschmidt working with that group as well
          - b. Group interested in talking with FRNSA



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- a. Meeting on hold
  6. Kaukauna Trail
    - a. Dedication ceremony
    - b. 50-70 people to be invited
  7. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
    - a. Update
      1. Ahlstrom-Munksjo
        1. Meeting postponed to August 2022
        2. Ahlstrom-Munksjo wants to finish survey work
          - a. May reduce easement size
  8. DNR – Jean Romback-Bartels -
    1. Update - ACOE Dry Dock –
      1. No update
  9. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
    1. Update –
      1. No update
  10. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
    1. Update –
      - a. Kayakers would like to have access
  11. Committees
    1. Committees to retain/disregard/start
      - a. Committee Structure
        - i. Ron Van De Hey has a plan
        - ii. Set up meeting for August 2022 to discuss
      - a. Phil Ramlet requested we have a Grant & Fundraising Committee
        - i. Look for grants
        - ii. Put together marketing plan
        - iii. Polish image
        - iv. Branding
11. Adjournment
  - a. Ron Van De Hey motioned to adjourn, Jean Romback-Bartels seconded, all approved