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MINUTES

FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Board Meeting

Meeting Location: 1008 Augustine Street.

Kaukauna, WI 54130

Members: Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Rombach- Bartels (Board Secretary, DNR), Tom Buchholz (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Dean Haen

Attending: In-person - Ron VanDeHey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Bruce Enke, Jean Rombach- Bartels (Board Secretary, DNR), and Ashley Dooley (DNR). Remote - Daina Penkiunas (SHPO)

Staff: Phil Ramlet, Mary Schmidt

Guests: Fox 11, Jonathan Krause (WHBY), Steve Erb (Appleton Yacht Club).

Start: 3:00PM End: 4:50PM

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Jean Rombach-Bartels last meeting. Jean was presented with a plant and well wishes and thanks from the Board.
3. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes. J. Feldt moved approval, B. Enke seconded. All approved.
 - a. Discuss – Executive Director Phil Ramlet led this portion of discussion.
 1. Items carried over from previous meeting for follow-up
 1. Revised proposal was received from Westwood addressing Board concerns. Brought to and approved by Executive Committee in January 2024. J. Feldt moved to approve, R. VanDeHey seconded, all approved.
 2. Phil Ramlet and Mary Schmidt met with the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region (CFFVR) and received the donor list on January 23, 2023. This is an on-going project.
 3. Kleinschmidt has provided a proposal to address the velocity and flow concern raised by DNR. ED Ramlet requested to submit the proposal to DNR for review and will then bring the proposal and response from DNR to the

4. Hawkins Ash Audit
 - a. Draft audit presented by Chuck Krueger. The draft audit will be sent to the full Board electronically and it will be brought to the February Board meeting for discussion and approval.
5. Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Short was absent. The report was received. No vote taken.
6. Executive Director - Phil Ramlet
 1. Menasha Lock
 2. Election of Executive Committee Secretary
 - a. J. Rombach-Bartels nominated Bruce Enke to fill the role of the Board Secretary. J. Feldt seconded. No discussion. All approved.
 3. UWGB Testing
 - a. B. Enke moved to approve. J. Feldt seconded. All approved, J. Rombach-Bartels abstained.
 4. Clarification of minutes related to the "Closed Session" from December 12, 2023. Noted and received as follows:
 1. Beth Taubel is unable to utilize leave effectively due to intensive training and four times weekly webinars for benefit administrative changes that will take effect in 2024. Currently, there are approximately 10-12 audits completed a year
7. Closed Session; Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(g) "conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved".
 - a. B. Enke moved to go into closed session at 4:22PM. J. Rombach-Bartels seconded. All approved.
 - b. No action was taken during the closed session. B. Enke moved to return to open session, J. Feldt seconded. All approved. Returned to open Board meeting at 4:35PM.
8. Capital Projects Committee - Tom Buchholz
 - a. J. Feldt moved to approve the Kleinschmidt and UWGB invoices. B. Enke seconded. All approved, J. Rombach-Bartels abstained. J. Rombach-Bartels moved to approve payment of the Westwood invoice, B. Enke seconded. All approved.
 1. Kleinschmidt Invoices 000202311204, 000202311205, 000202312293, 000202312384
 2. UWGB Invoice 13220
 3. Westwood Invoice 1231201070
9. Executive Committee – no report
- 10.DNR – J. Rombach-Bartels reported that US EPA is looking at lowering the allowable limits for

lead. This change could influence the level at which US ACOE cleans up the dry dock.

11. Fundraising Committee – M. Schmidt reported out on efforts to date.

12. Rapide Croche Committee – B. Enke stated that the monitoring of the lock chamber continues. One of the buildings on-site has a caved in roof. Capital projects need to be gone through with SHPO to ensure we save the buildings in our charge. B. Enke recommends a day or meeting to visit and inspect each lock site and building.

13. Adjournment at 4:50PM. J. Rombach-Bartels moved to adjourn, J. Feldt seconded, all approved.

Note: Notes taken by: Jean Rombach-Bartels as Beth Taubel was not in attendance.

