

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 11, 8am (CDT)

**Location: 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130**

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**Members:** Jeff Feldt (Chair), Ron Van De Hey (Vice Chair), Tim Short (Treasurer), Bruce Enke (Secretary)

**Attending:** Ron Van De Hey, Bruce Enke, Phil Ramlet, Beth Taubel

**Attending Virtually:** Jeff Feldt

**Not in Attendance:** Tim Short

Start: 8:00am End: 9:11am

### **Agenda:**

- I. Review and approval of past meeting minutes
  - A. Discussion
    1. Items carried over from previous meeting for follow-up and to verify completion of tasks:
      - a. Phil Ramlet to follow up with Kevin Englebert from Outagamie County re grants.
        - i. Update
          1. Phil Ramlet talked with Kevin Englebert, Development and Land Services Director, for Outagamie County
            - a. Outagamie County, as a local unit of government, is delighted to partner with FRNSA to work on grants
            - b. Majority of FRNSA property is located in Outagamie County
            - c. Kevin Englebert will work with appropriate Outagamie County committees (county board, etc) on behalf of FRNSA
              - i. Due to the county being understaffed, FRNSA will need to do majority of any “leg work” needed
            - d. Outagamie County is also interested in working on a buoy program with FRNSA
              - i. FRNSA will implement project into the 2026 budget cycle

II. Executive Director

A. 2024-2025 Budget

1. Discuss

- a. No comments have been received
- b. Budget will be tweaked to include funds for dam inspections
  - i. Ron Van De Hey asks if it's FRNSA's responsibility to do dam inspections and who owns the dam at Rapide Croche
    - 1. Yes, inspections also include FRNSA levees
    - 2. Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) owns the dam
  - ii. FRNSA will have Westwood do inspections for FRNSA
- c. \$25K will be added to budget, as a "place holder", for roofing work for De Pere Lock Tender house as requested by Three Dam Guys who lease house
  - i. According to lease, FRNSA is responsible to exterior repairs/maintenance and 5 Dam Guys is responsible for interior repairs/maintenance
    - 1. Phil Ramlet reminded Tom Bergen, with 5 Dam Guys, that all repairs/maintenance needs to go through the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) prior to work being started
    - 2. FRNSA will ask 5 Dam Guys to cover costs
    - 3. Phil Ramlet will have Mead & Hunt start the process

B. Strategic Planning

1. Discuss

- a. Tim Short has distributed information related to a process for strategic planning
- b. FRNSA needs to make sure it includes all items listed in the Joint Legislative Audit letter that was received in 2023
- c. FRNSA needs to review state statute to make sure we've covered all requirements

C. WE Energies situation adjacent to government canal in Appleton

1. Update

- a. Plan is close to receiving approval
- b. Once DNR approval is received, work anticipated to start on Thursday (6/13/24) or Friday (6/14/24) and to be completed by the following Tuesday (6/18/24)
- c. Fix will include
  - i. Pumping slurry into fill voids in bore
  - ii. Fix levy
  - iii. Long-term maintenance needs to be discussed between Department of Administration (DOA) and FRNSA at a meeting in Madison
  - iv. We Energies should be required to monitor fix for ten years
- d. Project is currently abandoned and shut down, no boring to take place
- e. FRNSA should take a minimum of three days to fill canals

D. SHPO Visit

1. Discuss

- a. Phil Ramlet had a phone call last week with SHPO to discuss Rapide Croche
  - i. Discussion went well
  - ii. Going forward, FRNSA will budget for yearly maintenance
- b. Board of Directors (BOD) and some SHPO staff will tour FRNSA's contributing structures and levees
  - i. Phil Ramlet will send out an invite to all BOD members, those who are interested in attending will let Phil Ramlet know
  - ii. Tour to take place from 10:00am to 3:00pm
  - iii. No action will be taken during this tour, BOD meeting will take place after tour at FRNSA office at 3:00pm
  - iv. FRNSA will investigate getting a small motor coach that seats about 25 people
    - 1. Jeff Feldt advised Phil Ramlet to reach out to Carrie Prellwitz with Kobussen Buses
  - v. Unsure of properties that SHPO wants to visit at this time
    - 1. Will visit Rapide Croche and look at access to river and kayak portage area

E. Menasha Update

1. Update

- 1. Put an action item on June 25, 2024, BOD meeting to put project on hold, pending further developments
  - a. Phil Ramlet and Ron Van De Hey discussed at their breakfast meeting yesterday and believe there will be a unanimous vote to put on hold
    - i. Anticipate WIDNR will not be voting
  - b. Phil Ramlet and Mary Schmidt (Schmidt Communicates) anticipate media interest in meeting and follow up
    - i. Mary Schmidt will work on plan prior to meeting and after meeting
    - ii. Phil Ramlet will send pre-meeting information to BOD members
  - c. Menasha Mayor wants to make opening the Menasha Lock a priority
    - i. Phil Ramlet will reach out to discuss putting project on hold, yet not give the impression of stopping by FRNSA

III. 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. Discuss Phil Ramlet previous with Andrew Micheletti Herrling Clark

- 1. **Jeff Feldt motions to go into closed session, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve**
  - a. No action taken
- 2. **Bruce Enke motions to go into open session, seconded by Jeff Feldt, all approve**

IV. Closed Session: Under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(f) "Consideration of Financial, medical, social or personal information.



- A. Andy Rossmeissl, with Herrling Clark, joined closed meeting via phone
  - 1. **Jeff Feldt motions to go into closed session, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve**
    - a. No action taken
  - 2. **Bruce Enke motions to go into open session, seconded by Ron Van De Hey, all approve**
  
- V. Adjourn
  - A. **Bruce Enke motions to adjourn, seconded by Ron Van De Hey, all approve**