

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 11, 2025, 8:00am (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: Jeff Feldt, Ron Van De Hey, Tim Short

Absent: Bruce Enke

Start: 8:00am End:8:39am

Agenda:

- I. Review and approval of past meeting minutes
 - A. Discussion
 1. Items carried over from the previous meeting for follow-up and to verify completion of tasks:
 - i. Phil to investigate speaking at St Norberts Executive Program
 - a. St. Norbert College didn't express any interest at this time
 - ii. Phil to investigate Locks System Closure estimate
 - a. It is FRNSA's intent to currently maintain 10.2 million to "mothball" locks in the event that they need to be closed
 - b. 600K per lock x 17 locks
 - B. **Ron Van De Hey motions to approve minutes, seconded by Tim Short, all approve**
- II. Executive Director
 - A. 2026 Budget
 1. Discuss
 - i. Add 5% to each line item using actual costs for administration/operations
 - ii. Refine Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), depending on market
 - iii. Some valves will need to be replaced
 - a. Will do one valve in 2026
 - b. Approximately \$30K each
 - c. Not maintained by Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE)
 - B. DOA Update
 1. Discuss

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- i. Jeff Feldt and Phil Ramlet had a phone call last week with Department of Administration (DOA) representatives, Sanjay Olson and Nathan Judnic
 - a. What will the 2034 closure look like and what actions FRNSA can take
 - b. Can the State of Wisconsin Investment Board manage FRNSA funds
 - c. Start with legislators
 - i. Representative Lee Snodgrass has shown interest in our system
 - ii. State Senator Eric Wimberger has shown interest in our system
 - d. Phil Ramlet will contact DOA every 6-8 weeks
 - e. FRNSA asked DOA to help pay portion of attorney fees for Ahlstrom situation

C. Outreach Update

1. Discuss

- i. Menasha Lock
 - a. What is DNR's role to deal with the smell in canal
 - i. Health issue
 - b. FRNSA needs to reach out to the Green Bay market via the Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation
 - i. Promote locks for FRNSA
 - 1. Above will tour De Pere Lock and facilities after NFL draft
 - ii. Funds are already earmarked through 2029 to the Resch Center and the KI Convention Center
 - iii. FRNSA needs to be promoted in Brown County
 - c. FRNSA needs to build relationships with the Village of Little Chute and the City of Appleton

D. Strategic Plan Update

1. Discuss

- i. Will be reviewed quarterly
- ii. Phil Ramlet will incorporate his comments
- iii. There has been no feedback from DOA
- iv. SWAT Analysis needs to be scheduled
- v. Will call and get quotes from three audit companies
 - a. Hawkins Ash CPAs
 - b. Baker Tilly
 - c. CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen)
- vi. Personnel Handbook should be revised to reflect that the "new approved" will be the most current handbook
- vii. Community foundations currently manage FRNSA's funds

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- a. Phil Ramlet will reach out to Curt Detjen with Community Foundation for the Fox Valley to see what FRNSA's role is in investments
- b. Statute only states that FRNSA contracts with a non-profit corporation
- viii. Appleton 3 – a map will be presented at the March Board of Directors meeting to see layout of property
 - a. Phil Ramlet will meet with Randy Stadtmueller to see where he is at with property
 - b. DNR contamination concerns
 - c. Would any legal action need to be brought by DNR
- ix. Jeremy Cords and Phil Ramlet met with ACOE
 - a. ACOE has approximately one more year to work on trail

III. Adjournment

A. **Ron Van De Hey motions to adjourn, seconded by Tim Short, all approve**