

MINUTES

FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – Board Meeting 3:00PM PROMPTLY

Meeting Location: 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130

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

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Members: Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Bruce Enke (S), John Vette, Tom Buchholz (DOT), Dean Haen, Ashley Dooley (DNR)

Attending: Ron Van De Hey, Tim Short, Bruce Enke, Ashley Dooley, Phil Ramlet, Beth Taubel, Mary Schmidt (Schmidt Communicates), Steve Erb

Attending Virtually: Jeff Feldt, Amy Wyatt (Director State Historical Preservation Society-temporary until replacement is named)

Start: 3:05pm (audio issue) End: 3:56pm

Agenda:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Everyone introduced themselves
- II. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - A. Discuss
 1. **Tim Short motions to approve previous board meeting minutes, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approved, Steve Erb votes in an advisory role**
- III. Items carried over from previous meeting for follow-up
 - A. Phil Ramlet to notify the Governor's Office of potential board changes
 1. Phil Ramlet has emailed the governor's office to make them aware of potential board changes
- IV. Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Tim Short
 - A. Financial Summary
 - B. Unlock the Fox monthly summary from Associated Bank
 - C. Monthly expense details
 - D. **Tim Short motions to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approved, Steve Erb votes in an advisory role**
 - E. Strategic Planning Update
 1. Wait until potential new board members are on board

2. Two phone calls were made to the Department of Administration (DOA), for facilitator recommendation; however, no return calls were received.
3. Phil Ramlet will contact an outside facilitator, Judy Ruhl, from Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC), to see if she is interested
 - a. Find out what will be expected from the board for participation

V. Executive Director – Phil Ramlet

A. Potential new board members

1. Tom Mace Winnebago County
 - a. Update
 - i. Unknown if Tom Mace has submitted any information to the governor's office
2. Steve Erb Outagamie County
 - a. Update
 - i. Steve Erb has submitted his information/request to the governor's office

B. 2026 Budget

1. Discuss and approve
 - a. FRNSA budget is more of a tracking system, or planning system, as FRNSA is dependent on market performance
2. **Tim Short approves accepting the budget, seconded by Jeff Feldt, all approve, Steve Erb votes in an advisory role**

C. Outreach

1. Outagamie County re Buoys
 - a. Jeremy Cords and Phil Ramlet have spoken with the planning director of Outagamie County to include funding in the future county budget

D. Project Update

1. Little Chute Turning Basin
 - a. Project completed on time and within budget
 - b. Documentation submitted to DNR
2. Blue Timber Shed
 - a. \$100K to rehabilitate
 - b. SHPO approval received
3. Rapide Croche Lock tender shack
 - a. 40K to rehabilitate
 - b. SHPO approval received

E. Friends of the Fox (FOF) Parcel Donation

1. (2) Parcels donated near Kaukauna Lock 5 gifted to FRNSA in 2010-2011
2. DOA states that FRNSA can own this property

3. Attorney, Andy Rossmeissl working with Dave Peck with Friends of the Fox (FOF) to get donations completed and paperwork in order

F. Appleton Canal We Energies Settlement

1. Levy breached between Appleton Lock 1 and 2 by We Energies contractor
2. \$25K settlement has been reached
3. \$12K spent by FRNSA on legal/marketing

VI. Capital Projects Committee – Tom Buchholz

A. Motion to approve to pay the following invoices

1. Westwood Invoice 1250401260
2. Radtke Pay Application #1
3. Recommendation received via email from Tom Buchholz to pay above invoices

B. **Jeff Feldt motioned to approve payment of above invoices, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve, Steve Erb votes in an advisory role**

VII. Executive Committee – Jeff Feldt

A. Update

1. Executive Committee
 - a. Discussed most of what is presented on the Board of Directors agenda

VIII. Fundraising Committee – John Vette

A. Update

1. Phil Ramlet and Mary Schmidt (Schmidt Communicates) will meet with Secura Insurance and go through their grant process

IX. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Discuss

1. House is a work in progress
2. Prior to building stairs, FRNSA needs to know how they will be used
3. Kayak portage would need to be constructed
4. Washing station would need to be available to kayaks to clean prior to going upstream
5. Will consider in FRNSA's 2027 fiscal year budget
6. Rapide Croche may eventually be filled in

X. Adjourn

A. **Burce Enke motions to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Dooley, all approve, Steve Erb votes in an advisory role**