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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 8am (CST)
Location: 1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/781018437
United States: +1(646)749-3122 Access Code: 781-018-437

Members: Jeff Feldt (Chair), Tim Short (Treasurer), Bruce Enke (Vice Chair), Steve Erb (Secretary)

Attending:Jeff Feldt, Tim Short, Bruce Enke, Steve Erb, Jeremy Cords, Phil Ramlet (virtually), Beth Taubel (virtually)

Start: 8:00am End: 9:02am

Agenda:

I. Review and approval of past meeting minutes
   A. Discuss
      1. Items carried over from the previous meeting for follow-up and to verify completion of tasks:
         a. None
      2. **Tim Short motions to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Jeff Feldt, all approve**

II. Executive Director
   A. Strategic Planning Update (Steve Erb)
      1. Discussion
         a. Steve Erb will be discussing March Board agenda with Yvonne Degroot (FVTC) to put together and finalize Strategic Planning items
         b. Jeremy Cords has reached out to fishing groups
         c. Phil Ramlet has reached out to Department of Administration (DOA), City of Menasha and Outagamie County to schedule time with each to ask Shareholder questions; however, no responses
         d. Phil Ramlet met with representatives of the Appleton Yacht Club (AYC); Friends of the Fox (FOF) and the Little Lake Butte Des Mort Lake Association during his Key Stakeholder meeting
         e. Steve Erb would like Board members to come prepared to work on Strategic Planning at the March Board meeting by reviewing, and thinking about, the six questions that were previously presented
   B. AIS Testing
      1. Discussion

a. Ashley Dooley was to coordinate having the DNR work with UWGB to establish work items for the $20K that FRNSA has approved for AIS testing
b. Phil Ramlet will check on status on Wednesday, March 18, 2026

C. 2027 FY Preliminary Budget
1. Discuss
a. Budget will be presented at the April Board of Directors meeting for approval
b. Non-essential items have been removed
c. Endowment needs to gain funds before FRNSA can look at doing Capital projects
d. $50K will be put in budget as a "safety net" for unexpected items such as sinkholes
i. Operational changes include drawing down Appleton, Little Chute and Kaukauna canals
ii. Trees taken down in Kaukauna canal to prevent trees that hang over canal don't end up in locks due to ice, wind, etc
e. Impossible to plan for all unforeseen expenditures

D. Mead and Hunt Proposal
1. Discuss
a. Rapide Croche will likely never reopen
b. FRNSA is considering a $70K proposal from Mead and Hunt to study
i. Estimates to fill the Rapide Croche lock
ii. To potentially remove several lock tender houses as redundant to historical value
iii. DNR and the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) will have considerable input on both questions
iv. FRNSA will likely delay the study proposal to at least the April board meeting and give time for SHPO to respond to what is necessary for FRNSA to potentially remove several lock tender houses versus continue maintenance
v. With FRNSA's lease expiring in 2034, we may delay both projects indefinitely to minimize capital expense

E. Purchasing/selling assets via Government Auctions
1. Discuss
a. FRNSA utilizes WI Surplus for buying/selling equipment
i. They specialize in selling equipment from Townships, Counties, Cities, State owned assets
b. Jeremy Cords purchased our newest truck using WI Surplus
c. Jeremy Cords also sold our previous truck using WI Surplus
i. WI Surplus handles all the paperwork and payment
d. FRNSA will be selling it Bobcat on WI Surplus
i. Jeremy Cords will submit photos and descriptions

ii. Jeremy Cords will be point of contact for anyone who wants to view Bobcat Skidster
iii. Hoping to purchase a Bobcat Toolcat for its versatility

2. FRNSA should consider creating a financial policy covering auction services for purchasing and disposing of inventory
   a. Phil Ramlet and Jeremy Cords will check with DOT and surrounding municipalities to see if they have a policy we can start with

III. Adjournment
   A. **Jeff Feldt Motions to adjourn, seconded by Tim Short, all approve**