

**Fox River Navigational System Authority**

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**MINUTES**

**FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – Board Meeting **2:30 PM PROMPTLY**

**Meeting Location: DJ Bordini Center 5N Systems Drive, Grand Chute, WI**

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**Access Code:** 412-495-285

**Members:** Jeff Feldt (Chair), Tim Short (T), Bruce Enke (VC), Tom Mace, Steve Erb (S), Tom Buchholz (DOT), Dean Haen, Ashley Dooley (DNR), Tricia Canaday (SHPO)

**Attending:** Jeff Feldt, Tim Short, Bruce Enke, Tom Mace, Steve Erb, Tom Buchholz, Phil Ramlet, Jeremy Cords, Beth Taubel, Tricia Canaday (Virtual), Yvonne DeGroot (FVTC)

Start 2:30p            End: 5:30p

**Agenda:**

- I. Introduction
- II. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
  - A. Discuss
    1. **Tom Mace motions to approve previous board meeting minutes, seconded by Tom Buchholz, all approve**
- III. Items carried over from previous meeting for follow-up
  - A. None
- 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
    1. Market is up
    2. Expenses were down
    3. No significant Capital costs
  - D. **Tim Short motions to approve Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Steve Erb, all approve**
- V. Executive Director- Phil Ramlet
  - A. AIS Update
    1. Discussion

- i. Phil Ramlet has coordinated with UWGB and DNR to come up with a proposal to work together on AIS study processes
- ii. Proposal will be routed to Phil Ramlet, he will then share it with Ashley Dooley for review, proposal will be presented to the board
- iii. Board will have the opportunity at the April Board meeting to ask Ashley Dooley questions

VI. Capital Projects Committee – Tom Buchholz

A. Motion to approve to pay the following invoices

1. IEI Invoice #16849

B. **Tom Buchholz motions to approve payments, seconded by Tim Short, all approve**

C. Tom Buchholz last meeting will be in April 2026

1. Chad DeGrave, NE Regional Deputy Director with WI DOT, will accompany Tom Buchholz to the April 2026 meeting for introduction

VII. Executive Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Update

1. Discussion/topics included

- i. Strategic Planning and the upcoming and being prepared for the March board meeting
- ii. Budget

- a. To be presented at the April 2026 board meeting

iii. Mead & Hunt proposal

iv. AIS Testing

v. Purchasing/selling assets via an auction site

- a. FRNSA will draft a policy for this

VIII. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Discuss

1. Jeremy Cords visited the Rapide Croche property with Steve Erb, Tom Mace and Bruce Enke a few weeks ago
2. This gave Steve Erb and Tom Mace a better understanding of the property, buildings and history of Rapide Croche

IX. Strategic Planning Exercise – Yvonne DeGroot FVTC

1. Discussion

- i. Attendees were broken into three groups for brainstorming responses to six posted questions
- ii. Summarize responses for each question
- iii. Group rated using horizontal (x-axis “Mission Impact”) and vertical (y-axis “Cost”) lines to visualize responses

- a. Lease expires in 2034

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- b. Abandonment costs
- c. Gobi
- d. Menasha Lock
- e. Operations
- f. Access

- X. Upcoming Board of Directors meetings to visit different locks
  - A. Annual meeting in July 2026 will be held off-site in Appleton
  - B. August 2026 meeting to be held in Green Bay
  
- XI. Adjourn
  - A. **Tim Short motions to adjourn, seconded by Tom Buchholz, all approve**