

MINUTES

FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Board Meeting **2:30 PM PROMPTLY**

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

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

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Access Code: 412-495-285

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

Attending: Jeff Feldt, Tim Short, Bruce Enke, Steve Erb, Chad DeGrave, Tricia Canaday, Phil Ramlet, Jeremy Cords, Beth Taubel, Mary Schmidt (Schmidt Communicates), Ashley Dooley (virtual for Item V; A; 1 only)

Start: 2:30p End: 5:10p

Agenda:

- I. Introduction
 - A. All introduced themselves

- II. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - A. Discuss
 1. **Bruce Enke motions to approve previous board meeting minutes, seconded by Chad DeGrave, 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. Good month, markets were up
 2. Spending was down \$40K
 - D. **Tim Short motions to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve**

- V. Executive Director- Phil Ramlet
 - A. Menasha Lock, DNR/FRNSA Agreement
 1. Discuss

- i. Contractor would like to go through Menasha lock with barge
- ii. DNR uses Rotenone to prevent round goby from passing through lock
- iii. One-time agreement between DNR and FRNSA, DNR would invoice FRNSA and FRNSA would invoice contractor
 - a. FRNSA requests verbiage stating “FRNSA, staff and board to be held harmless” as a precautionary measure
 - b. Approximate cost from DNR would be \$16.5-19K
- iv. Once agreement received from DNR, FRNSA will pass it on to attorney, Andy Rossmeissl to review
- v. Agreement will then go to the Board of Directors for approval and then onto Department of Administration for review
- vi. Contractor would like to utilize lock late June/early July

VI. Capital Projects Committee – Chad Degrave

A. Motion to approve to pay the following invoices

1. Westwood Invoice 1260501374
2. Outagamie County Highway Department Invoice 1022557
3. Radtke Invoice #3
 - i. Partial payment of \$40K approved
 - ii. Hold balance for retainage
4. **Chad DeGrave motions to approve payments, seconded by Steve Erb, all approve**

VII. Executive Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Update

1. Strategic Planning
 - i. Yvonne Degroot will be leaving Fox Valley Technical College at the end of June
 - ii. No response from fishing groups
2. AIS Testing agreement
 - i. UWGB and DNR coordination
 - a. No third-party donations will be taken
3. Upcoming Board meeting information
 - i. June 23, 2026 meeting will be held at Appleton Lock 1
 - ii. July Board meeting will be the annual meeting
 - iii. August 25, 2026 meeting will be held at De Pere Lock

VIII. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Discuss

1. Radtke completed minor repairs
2. Painting has been completed

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IX. Strategic Planning Exercise – Steve Erb

1. Discussion
 - i. Stakeholder Summary
2. Discussion for today's meeting
 - i. Future state
 - ii. Strategic priorities
3. Complete SOAR (Strength, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results)
4. Consider hiring a lobbyist

X. Adjourn

- A. **Bruce Enke motions to adjourn, seconded by Chad DeGrave, all approve**