

Fox River Navigational System Authority

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MINUTES

FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – Board Meeting **3:00PM PROMPTLY**

Meeting Location: **1008 Augustine Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130**

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 (S), Tom Mace, Steve Erb, Chad DeGrave (DOT), Dean Haen, Ashley Dooley (DNR), Tricia Canaday (SHPO)

Attending: Jeff Feldt, Bruce Enke, Dean Haen, Ashley Dooley, Tricia Canaday (virtual), Phil Ramlet, Jeremy Cords, Beth Taubel, Mary Schmidt (Schmidt Communicates – virtual)

Not in Attendance: Tim Short, Tom Mace, Steve Erb, Chad DeGrave

Start: 3:00PM End: 3:22pm

Agenda:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Going forward “Introduction” will be revised to “Public Comments”
- II. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - A. Discuss
 - B. **Bruce Enke approved previous board meeting minutes, as amended, seconded by Ashley Dooley, 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
 - i. 2026-2027 budget period started July 1, 2026
 - ii. Very similar to the 2025-2026 budget
 - D. **Ashley Dooley motions to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve**
- V. Executive Director – Phil Ramlet
 - A. Strategic Plan Update (Steve Erb)

1. Discuss

- i. Working group spreadsheet reviewed
- ii. Virtual meetings are highly encouraged
- iii. Leader of group should reach out to their members to schedule date/times to meet/discuss

B. Operations Update (Jeremy Cords)

1. Discuss

- i. Tree down in Menasha – no damage
 - a. Maintenance will clean up
- ii. Maintenance is doing the second round of greasing moving, metal parts of locks
- iii. No traffic due smoke from Canadian fires
- iv. Radtke passage went well, no problems
 - a. FRNSA will submit invoicing once billing received from DNR

C. DePere Lock Operations

1. Discussed phone call regarding De Pere's July 4, 2026 hours

- i. Have kept the usual hours, as in previous years, safety concerns, no usage, staffing needs, etc – will continue to run our usual hours
- ii. Recommended that FRNSA reach out to the media to remind public of lock hours
- iii. Mary Schmidt did reach out to media; nobody picked it up
- iv. Will continue to share schedule on our sight and social media

VI. Capital Projects Committee – Chad Degrave

A. Motion to approve to pay the following invoices

1. Westwood Invoice 1260700669
2. FVTC Invoice C1024536
 - i. **Ashley Dooley motions to approve the above payables, seconded by Dean Haen, all approve**
3. UWGB Invoice CIV-00108238
 - i. **Dean Haen motions to approve the UWGB invoice, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve, Ashley Dooley abstains**

VII. Executive Committee – Bruce Enke

A. Update

1. Held July 14, 2026
2. Closed Session for potential legal action in the future
 - i. No actions taken
3. Steve Erb gave update on the Strategic Planning groups
4. Discussed annual meeting

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- i. All current officers are willing to continue to serve
5. Jeremy Cords update on operations
6. Discussed phone call regarding De Pere's July 4, 2026, hours

VIII. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

- A. Discuss
1. N/A

IX. Chairman, Officer Elections

- A. Chairman
 1. Nominate and approve
 - i. Jeff Feldt
- B. Vice Chair
 1. Nominate and approve
 - i. Bruce Enke
- C. Treasurer
 1. Nominate and approve
 - i. Tim Short
- D. Secretary
 1. Nominate and approve
 - i. Steve Erb

- E. **Dean Haen motions to approve all positions above as noted, seconded by Ashley Dooley, all approve**

X. Blue Timber Shed Tour

- A. Board members will walk through the complete blue timber shed after adjourning

XI. Adjourn

- A. **Dean Haen motions to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Enke, all approve**