

MEETING MINUTES FRNSA Board of Directors Agenda

Tuesday October 22, 2019 - Board Meeting 3:00pm, FRNSA Office Boardroom

Present: Jeff Feldt (Acting Chair and VP), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), William Dorsey (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords

MISSING: We are missing our board chairman Tim Rose and remember him fondly.

Guests: Mary Schmidt, Schmidt Communicates; Phil Ramlet, OMNNI, WLUK TV; Dave Peck, Appleton; Ellen Balthazor, Randy Stadtmueller, Jason Kent via phone

Agenda:

Vice Chair Feldt opened the meeting with a remembrance of Tim Rose and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. Jeremy reported that we've had condolences from many business partners and individuals. He reported Tim's daughter visited the office and will come back and represent Tim in fundraising for the Visitor Center.

Introductions

Review and approval of meeting minutes from last Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by John Vette, second by Will Dorsey, motion passed unanimously

Reports from Officers, Members, Committees

Review and approve Treasurer Report - Tim Short

- **FRNSA Financial Statement and Ledger:** Sept. was a good month for market value and fund grew \$150,000 from the beginning of the month. Short identified larger operating expenses that were expected: visitor center design study, design for the Menasha lock, and maintenance at Kaukauna lock 3. Short reported nothing was out of line with projected spending.
- Motion to approve treasurer report made by John Vette, second by Daina Penkiunas, motion passed unanimously
- **Unlock the Fox fund:** Jeremy reported the quarterly meeting held today and portfolio is doing well. He updated community foundations on future projects in the next 18 months that are larger expenditures, the most urgent of which are to review the proposal for studies related to the barrier at the Menasha lock, repairs for Lock #4, and funds for the Visitor Center. Jeremy reported it might be possible to apply for grants to cover some of the expenses.

Operations - Jeremy

- **Sturgeon and Walleye's for Tomorrow Locks Tour:** tabled for the rest of the year. Jeremy reported that he will stay in touch with the fishing clubs to keep them updated on developments with the locks and will contact them in spring to schedule another tour.
- **Menasha Lock Barrier Update** - Jason Kent joined the meeting via phone gave to outline the presentation for continued studies on the round goby. The DNR identified information gaps in the proposal for building an electronic barrier at the Menasha lock and the proposal calls for conducting a suite of studies which would provide the following information:
 - Comprehensive information about the Round Goby's ability to swim against water velocity at all stages of the fish's life
 - How an electrical field will affect a Round Goby at all stages of the fish's life
 - The proposal calls for four studies executed in laboratory settings and an optional fifth study executed within a closed lock chamber.
 - A full copy of the report is available upon request
- The suite of studies is estimated at over \$165,000.
- Discussion points:
 - Board members asked if the studies would adequately address the DNR's concerns and Jason Kent indicated that laboratory studies will meet the data gaps identified by the DNR. Jean Romback-Bartels indicated the proposal would seem to address DNR concerns, but confirmed staff will need to review. She said the DNR would have response in several weeks