

Fox River Navigational System Authority

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MEETING MINUTES FRNSA Board of Directors

Wednesday March 25, 2020 - Board Meeting 3:00pm
Via GoToMeeting

PRESENT: Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (Vice Chair), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), William Dorsey (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords
GUESTS: Patrick Forsythe -UWGB, Phil Ramlet- OMNNI, Mary Schmidt- Schmidt Communicates

Agenda:

Congratulations! – Ron and Kathy on your Board Reappointment

Guests Patrick Forsythe, UWGB professor doing AIS studies for FRNSA. Forsythe reported one year of studies is complete. Highlights of the annual AIS sampling:

- Target species sampled were spiny water flea and round goby
- Forsythe reviewed targeted sampling regimes from previous years, and made a few changes to sampling locations including Lake Winnebago,
- Round goby samplings indicated none were found in Lake Winnebago
- Recommended moving forward with sampling for 2020, also recommended measuring the population change in round gobies at each sampling site.
- Discussion ensued about location of sampling sites in Lake Winnebago and if they are accurately measuring round goby population, about expanding testing in Lake Winnebago, about the timeline of the contract with UWGB.
- Tim Short moved for approval of a 2-year contract with UWGB instructing staff and Jean Romback-Bartels to make modifications to the plan as needed. Second by Jeff Feldt, motion was approved unanimously.

Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Tim Short

- Short reviewed Unlock the Fox (UTF) Fund Board Statement indicating market fluctuations have taken a toll on investments.
- FRNSA Financial Statement: Short recommended we manage expenditures carefully in coming months, although monthly expenses are at a manageable level. He indicated we are spending below budget at some specific locks, and above budget for unplanned maintenance at other locks.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Jeff Feldt, second by Kathy Curren, motion was approved unanimously

Projects / Operations

Visitor Center –

- Steve Krause reported that contact with the City of Appleton was delayed and, following a conference call, it was apparent the city is not seeking to contribute funds for installation or maintenance of public facilities, parking lot, or trail.
- Steve reported there were many specific improvements regarding the site that the city identified previously, which would be future costs for Stadtmueller & Assoc, and eventually for FRNSA as a tenant.
- From a timing standpoint, he reported nothing has been done to further contractual agreements. Steve reported he believes we are months away from any decision from the city.
- Steve reported that the contracts with CR Structures are for the building, another is for site plan improvements. Nothing is in the current proposal for costs associated with the trail.
- In Steve recommended to the board that contingencies in the offer to purchase need modifications according to timing of the project and should be linked with a development agreement between Stadtmueller & Assoc, the city, and FRNSA.
- DISCUSSION from board members about gaining a more detailed estimate of operating costs, financial obligations and status of financing, revising the footprint of the building, capital costs of the project, easements and access rights of property, status of the markets affecting investments, the effects of Coronavirus on operations of the city and partners, and location of the proposed visitor center

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- Jeff Feldt moved that FRNSA suspend action on the joint development proposal with Eagle Flats LLC for six months until board members and legal counsel have had time to review unanswered conditions and circumstances, evaluate other alternatives, and determine the outcome of the national economy. Second by Bruce Enke, motion approved unanimously

Capital Projects Committee - William Dorsey

- Omni and Associates – monthly billing, Motion to approve made by Will Dorsey, second by Daina Penkiunas, approved unanimously
- Kleinschmidt Invoice Motion to approve made by Will Dorsey, second by Daina Penkiunas, approved unanimously

Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt--No Report

Property Committee – Kathy Curren No Report

Fundraising Committee – John Vette No Report

Rapid Croche Committee – Bruce Enke No Report

5. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.859(1)(c)(e)

6. Adjournment