

**Fox River Navigational System Authority**

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- Public Meeting Notice/Agenda -

**FRNSA Board of Directors**

Tuesday July 28th, 2020 – Board Meeting 3:00pm

**Omni and Associates**

**1 Systems Dr., Appleton, WI 54915**

And via internet at GoToWeb Meeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/737679677>

**Members:** Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), Colleen Harris (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords

Start: 3:15pm End: 4:30pm

**In Attendance:** Chris Acy, Mike Hreben, Jason Kent, Mary Schmidt, Karen Flesch

**Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Goby Pilot Study Update – Environmental Research Center
  1. Discussion – Jason Kent presenting – on October 18, 2019 they submitted a Proposal for Round Goby studies. FRNSA authorized Kleinschmidt to begin work on Tasks 1 and 2 of that scope of work on October 22, 2019. Kleinschmidt has submitted Change Order No. 1 for change in scope and budget related to additional fish collection work to support the laboratory studies of Round Goby swimming speeds and electrical field response thresholds. They are seeking the authorization to proceed with the two laboratory studies (Tasks 3 and 4), included in the October 18, 2019 proposal, in a phased approach.
  2. Task 1-Pilot Study for Round Goby spawning hatching and rearing in the laboratory. GLEC (Traverse City, Michigan), Initial Study to collect adult and larval Round Goby
  3. Task 2: Six-week Round Goby collection effort 8/13/2020 to 9/23/2020
  4. Task 3: Electrical field threshold study from 9/14/2020 to 9/25/2020
  5. Task 4: Laboratory swim speed study from 9/14/2020 to 9/18/2020
3. Recommendations:
  1. Add 6-week collection effort prior to experiments:
    1. Start in August
    2. Daily trap sets and check – minnow traps and light traps
    3. Weekly beach seining
    4. One SCUBA collection event (focus on larvae)
    5. Increase scope and budget
  - B, Move up experiment to early September
    - 1.Target: Week of September 7 or 14
    2. Same Scope as original; no additional scope/budget indicated will not exceed \$15,000.

Discussion – Ron asked if the water quality in Traverse, MI is similar to that in the Fox River. Jason responded, we can make some adjustment to the water quality if needed.

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The laboratory is different than that of the field. We can make adjustments. Jean states that Conductivity will absolutely change throughout the seasons is her understanding and the DNR's understanding, that the contractor said they would have a system in place to monitor that in real time and that the system will adjust accordingly. Ron states there cost considerations. The additional study that they are proposing will be an extra \$15,000. Jason Kent will send Jeremy Cords the proposal for review. Ron asks what Tasks been completed. Jason responded, we have completed Task 1A. & started 1B, Task 3 & 4 would be completed in Michigan. Ron stated to the Board, once we have completed Tasks 1-4 then we are at a critical point to make a decision.

4. Officers – board re-appointment continuation of service –  
Paperwork has been sent into the Governor's office
  1. Jeff Feldt
  2. Bruce Enke
5. Reports, Officers, Members, Committees
  1. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
    1. Discussion – Jeff Feldt motions to approve, Daina seconds
  2. Review and approval of Treasure's Report – Tim Short – Our Fiscal year is now over; we were a little under spent. Everything was expensed the way it was supposed to. We were about 1 million under Budget. Jeremy prioritized the Budget which was very helpful. With the market variation our Fund dropped a bit at the beginning of COVID. But the Fund has come back up, were in a pretty good spot. The Budget for next year has been written. Tim Short asks for a motion to approve the Financial reports as presented, Jeff Feldt makes the motion, and Bruce Enke seconds. Tim Short motions to accept the Budget as presented, Kathy Curren seconds that motion. Motion approved.
    1. Unlock the Fox (UTF) Fund Board Statement -
    2. Unlock the Fox Fund Quarterly Report -
  3. Projects / Operations
    1. Kaukauna Office remodel – Where looking at a Two-Phase approach to this project. We think this site will work. The Railroad will be the most time consuming. There is a parking lot to the west of the building near the railroad, a generator will need to be moved. We have to look at fitting the footprint of the Visitors Center within the current building. The Railroad (CN) owns half of that parking lot. Tim asks if the storage units will be part of the Visitors Center. Phil states we will have to look at that, and what kind of alternatives will we have for storage of that equipment. This project is considerably cheaper than the Appleton project. Daina asks if we are wedded to that footprint? Do we have to reuse the current building? Is it compatible with where we want to be? Is that what we want, or do we want a new building?
    2. Update Appleton 4 Project
      1. Discussion – Phil Ramlet says the project proceeds well. We should be complete next week or in a week and a half. Jeremy says the sign will be placed there next week. The placement of the sign should be visible for boaters and from the shoreline as well.
  4. Review/Adopt proposed budget

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1. Discussion
5. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen Harris
  1. Discuss for approval – Capital Budget
    1. Omni and Associates – monthly billing – Colleen asks for a motion to approve the Omni Bill, Tim Short make that motion, Kathy Curren seconds.
6. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
  1. Nothing to Report
7. Property Committee – Kathy Curren -
  1. Nothing to Report
8. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
  1. Nothing to Report
- d. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
  2. Nothing to Report
9. Committee Reports
  1. N/A
6. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.859(1)(c)(e)
  1. Visitor Center - Bruce motions to go to closed session, Daina seconds.
7. Adjournment
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