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FRNSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 25th, 2020 – Board Meeting 3:00pm
Omni and Associates
1 Systems Dr., Appleton, WI 54915
via internet at GoToWeb Meeting
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/425906709>

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: 3:07pm _____ End: _____

Guest: Steve Krause from Krause & Krause Attorneys at Law, Mary Schmidt from Schmidt Communicates, Jason Kent from Kleinschmidt and Associates, Fox 11 News, Randy Stadmueller from Eagle Flats, and Karen Flesch from FRNSA

Agenda:

1. Introductions –
2. Congratulation to Bruce Enke and Jeff Feldt for your reappointments to the Board!
3. Round Goby Pilot Study – contract change order review – Environmental Research Center
 - a. Discussion – Last week we sent out a synopsis of the 55-page change order. This is a Plan B because they were unable to produce spawning in the lab. They put swim speed traps & seining in yesterday in a collection effort. They were able to collect 40 Round Goby fish. Yesterday they tried to collect larvae, but were unable to collect them yesterday. Jason was unsure if they were able to collect larvae today. They need a couple of weeks to set up the swim speed study. Since they do not have enough fish to do the swim study as planned on September 14. They are looking at mid- October. They are looking at getting the results in the Spring. Jeremy asks, if we are going to be running into problems like last year. The colder the weather the fish retreated into deeper water. Jason says, if we can get the fish collected in September before it gets too cold, we should be ok. Ron states, we have concerns because we have \$20,000 into this study with no product. Can you give us some assurances that we will have some product soon? We need to have something a little more concrete. Jason states we could make tasks 3 & 4 conditional to the results of tasks 1 & 2. Ron asks what the optimum time is to do this study. Jason says July is a good month to collect fish and larvae. Jean asks, I thought you going to collect the larvae in the lab. Jason states we were unable to collect larvae in the lab, they were not spawning. They have been able to keep the fish alive over the last few months. But they are not spawning. They have been able to keep roughly 18 fish alive in the lab, and just added an additional 40. Tim Short asks if the Boards reluctance is to the cost or our seriousness to the commitment

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to opening the Menasha Lock. Jeff Feldt says, I think we're all committed to getting the Menasha Lock open. Ron says if we must spend the money to make a decision, I am ok with that. Ron says, we are this far in folks, I think we have to do this study to make a decision. Tim Short says, I would like to make a motion to go ahead with the study, with having Jason check in with Jeremy in 2 weeks to see if they can propagate fish. John Vette seconds that motion. Tim Short asks Jason are you confident that you will have numbers for us at our next Board Meeting. Jason says yes, I feel confident. The Board carries the motion.

4. Appleton Visitor Center project status

- a. Discussion – Randy Stadmueller is on the phone with us. Ron says Randy we wanted to talk to you in person, we have had many discussions regarding going forward with the Visitors Center. Jeremy says, due to COVID and the stock market issues, we have lots of concerns to go forward with such a sizable project. Ron says if we are going to go forward with a Visitors Center Kaukauna is a more viable location at this time. Randy says, we received Steve Krause's letter, and Ron your summary is correct. I just want to follow up on Ron's comments, we recognized the timelines. Ron says, both parties have interests in the project. Now we have to unbundle some of these concerns. We have identified the cost we have incurred. Ron suggests that we discontinue our goal, and all steps with the Visitors Center with Eagle Flats. Jeff Feldt states I will make that motion John Vette seconds that motion. All agree, motion carried. Randy says we'll have to have our attorneys send letter back and forth to get this resolved. Ron says, we have to continue discussions with the unbundling process. Randy says, "Alright, we will expect to see something from Steve Krause." Ron says we'll have our Executive Committee discuss this at our next meeting.

5. Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

- a. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 1. Discussion - Jeff Feldt motion to approve, Colleen seconds. All approve, motion carried.
- b. Review and approval of Treasure's Report – Tim Short
 1. Unlock the Fox (UTF) Fund Board Statement – The market is doing well. I wonder if that will continue.
 2. FRNSA Financial Statement – It looks good, staffing expenses are up a bit due to the Navigational Season. Jeremy states, we are starting to slow down a bit now, with kids going back to school & our season starts to wrap up in the next couple of weeks. Appleton 4 project costing a bit more than was expected. Colleen motions to approve Treasure report as presented, John seconds. All approve, motion carried.
- c. Projects / Operations

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1. Appleton 1 Lock Inspection
 1. Update – We are addressing some small sink holes. Every year we have 2 or 3 inspection reports. That report goes back to the DNR. John Vette asks, how do sink holes show up at a Lock. Jeremy shows a photo, some are critter holes, some are from run off in the Spring. We had a lot of rain this Spring. Ron says, this is nothing new, this is happens every year.
 2. Lockages / Tours Update
 1. Discussion – Our Lockages remain high. We recently had a tour at the Little Chute site, they saw the Bridge operate, and a boat came through. The kids were from a local Day Care, the kids ranged from age 5 to 10. We do have several tours come through every year. John Vette asks who does the tours? Jeremy states Scott Thompson and Ben Van Deurzen conducted this last tour. Scott is our resident Historian; he typically gives the tours. He is a retired schoolteacher.
 2. Federal Representative Outreach - Congressman Mike Gallagher – Karen Flesch has been in talks with Congressman Mike Gallagher’s office for roughly 6 weeks. He will be coming out on September 3 at 2:45 to discuss infrastructure grants, etc. The Board is welcome to join us. Ron says maybe we should include Steinke and the Kaukauna Mayor.
- d. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen Harris
1. Discuss for approval – Capital Budget
 1. Omni and Associates – monthly billing for \$7,683.09 Colleen motion to approve Omni invoice, Tim Short seconded, all approve, motion carried.
 2. Kleinschmidt – invoice – Colleen motions to approve, John Vette seconds, all approve. Motion carried.
 3. McMullen and Pitz – Appleton Lock 4 Invoice- \$194,135.00 Phil Ramlet says he did look the invoice over. It comes in lower than our estimates. He does recommend we pay this invoice. Colleen motions to approve invoice. John Vette seconds, all approve. Motion carried.
- e. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
1. Nothing to Report
- f. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
1. Nothing to Report
- g. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
1. Nothing to Report
- d. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
2. Nothing to Report
- h. Committee Reports

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1. N/A

6. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.859(1)(c)(e)
 - a. N/A

7. Adjournment
 - a. Kathy Curren Motions to adjourn, Jeff Feldt seconds. Motion carried.