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FRNSA Board of Directors

Tuesday September 22nd, 2020 – Board Meeting Minutes

Omni and Associates

1 Systems Dr., Appleton, WI 54915

via internet at GoToWeb Meeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757741757>

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

In Attendance: Ron Van De Hey, Jeff Feldt, Kathryn Curren, Bruce Enke, John Vette, Colleen Harris, Diana Penkiunas, Jeremy Cords, *Jean Romback-Bartels in attendance for last portion of meeting

Guests: Phil Ramlet of Omni, Jason Kent of Kleinschmidt, Mike Hreben of Great Lakes Enviro Center, Dennis McCauley of Great Lakes Enviro Center, Mary Schmidt of Schmidt Communicates, Karen Flesch of FRNSA

Start: 3:03pm End: 4:16pm

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Round Goby Pilot Study – update/review – Kleinschmidt/MI Environmental Research Center
 - a. Discussion – Jason Kent states - We submitted a proposal earlier today. Recasting what we submitted in October 2019.
 - b. Tasks 1- Electrical field threshold studies. Kleinschmidt proposes a six-week intensified field collection effort to collect, acclimate and hold Round Goby for the proposed swim speed and electrical field threshold studies. The fish collection will be conducted by Kleinschmidt's subconsultant, Great Lakes Environmental Center (GLEC), nearshore habitats of Grand Traverse Bay near Traverse City, Michigan.
 - c. Tasks 2 – Authorized scope of work includes five elements over a six-week period:
 1. Set and check up to six minnow traps and two light traps in known Round Goby spawning and rearing areas conducted five days per week.
 2. Seining with a 1/16" mesh net in a known Round Goby foraging shallow area conducted one day per week:
 3. One day of SCUBA collection of larval Round Goby in known spawning areas.
 4. Transporting collected fish to GLEC's facility in Traverse City and hold the fish in glass aquaria or stainless-steel raceways at a controlled temperature.
 5. Hold and feed the fish as provided in Tasks 1 and 2 of the current scope of work.
 6. Provide a weekly update via email to the FRNSA on the previous week's efforts.
 - d. In addition, Kleinschmidt seeks authorization to proceed with Tasks 3 and 4 of the October 18, 2019 Round Goby Studies for determining electrical field thresholds and burst and prolonged/sustained swimming speeds for multiple life stages of Round Goby.

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- e. Completed report estimated to be ready by summer 2021. Jeremy, asked about combining the electrical field, velocity, & CO2 portion of this study to this fall's portion of testing vs waiting until next Spring and testing the whole group. Jason recommended conducting the Electrical field & swim speed study now and then perform the CO2 study on subjects in the Spring. John Vette says to keep this going and would like to move forward with this study. Jeff Feldt agrees with John. Bruce says we have a lot invested so he would like to continue with the study. Kathy Curren says, we have a lot invested, and should keep moving forward. Phil asked Jason if he thinks the study will address the data gaps identified by the DNR. Jason says, yes, it will. Jeremy says, we are looking for an approval for the change order so Phase 1 of the 3 Phase study can be conducted on the samples collected, taking place October 2020. Diana motions, Jeff Feldt seconds. All approve.

3. Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

- a. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 1. Discussion – Diana motions that we approve the minutes, Kathy seconds, all approve.
- b. Review and approval of Treasure's Report – Tim Short
 1. FRNSA Financial Statement – Tim was not able to make to the meeting, but sent an email to be read – For the Unlock the Fox Fund
 2. Dashboard Report – Total Expenses Increased in August vs July. Staffing expenses decreased due to Lock Tender/Manager expenses. Admin expenses increased due to Liability Insurance & Computer Software. We are still getting charges for Visitor Center. Appleton #4 Capital expense up vs. July. Little Chute Lock #2 spending of \$10,000 in August (for sample borings in sea wall area). John Vette would like budget statement column to compare year to year. And a special asterisk for the \$196,000 to show it carried over from last year's approved budget for Appleton Lock 4 Rock Wall rehab. (currently \$423K expended on Appleton Lock 4 Wall rehab project)
- c. Projects / Operation
 1. Appleton Lock #4 Wall – Future change order to be submitted for additional work on rock wall per Mike Murphy currently estimate is \$7,500
 2. New Business - Sediment Removal – discussion held with Executive Committee. Basic idea is that we are aware of several areas in the locks and canals that will need dredging or sediment removal to maintain mean dept of 6 feet. We are beginning to explore the cost benefit ratio of purchasing land for future remediation disposal location of the sediment.
- d. Personnel Ad-Hoc Committee - creation
 1. Discussion – The Board Personnel Committee will provide guidance, oversight, and support to management. Additionally, develops and implements senior level employee staffing and compensation. Ron Van De Hey, Tim Short, Jeff Feldt, and John V, and Kathy offered to help. Kathy Curren motions to approve with Tim Short, Jeff Feldt and John Vette on the Personnel Committee. Jeff Feldt seconds. Ron states, there you go Jeremy were happy to help you out. Jeremy says, thank you I appreciate that.

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- e. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen
 - 1. Discuss for approval – Capital Budget
 - 1. Omni and Associates – monthly billing for \$13,100.00 for Dam inspection and Little Chute seawall. Jeremy says yes that is in line with what we have planned to do. Colleen motions to approve, Daina seconds. All approve, motion carried.
 - 2. Kleinschmidt – invoice – Colleen says next is the Kleinschmidt most of the bill is for project management. Colleen makes a motion to approve the Kleinschmidt bill. Daina seconds, all approve, motion carried.
 - f. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
 - 1. Discussion – we talked about the Ad hoc Committee, and the unbundling of the Visitors Center with Randy Stadtmueller,
 - g. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
 - 1. Discussion – We had several trees go down and Kaukauna 5, we had to take the fence down to clean it up. We want to discuss/explore a fence policy on a case by case basis. Kathy says we own the fence. Ron says we just want to protect against someone heaven forbid, falling in. Jeremy states, we are protected under 895 but is still concerned with safety, other fences may offer protection with better aesthetics. Have had a lot of positive feedback regarding removal of fence sections by the office. Jeremy says we could put up a fence that isn't so foreboding. Ron says, that is something we can continue to discuss.
 - h. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
 - 1. Nothing to Report
 - d. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
 - 2. Nothing to Report
 - i. Committee Reports
 - 1. N/A
4. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.859(1)(c)(e)
a. N/A
5. Adjournment
 - a. Jean motioned to adjourn, Daina seconds, all approve, motion carried.