

Fox River Navigational System Authority

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Board Meeting Minutes

FRNSA Board of Directors

Tuesday October 27th, 2020 – Board Meeting 3:00pm

Omni and Associates

1 Systems Dr., Appleton, WI 54915

via internet at GoToWeb Meeting

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/555602517>

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 Dey (Chair), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Jean Romback-Bartels (DNR), Colleen Harris (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords,

Guests: Jason Kent from Kleinschmidt, Mary Schmidt from Schmidt Communicates, Karen Flesch from FRNSA

Start: 3:00pm End: 5:00pm

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Round Goby Pilot Study – update/review – Kleinschmidt/Great Lakes Environmental Research Center
 - a. Discussion – Jason Kent states -Studies were completed last week. Preliminary results are being run through statistical program for analyses and documentation. There were four different studies. Electric Field study quickly broken down: they decided on a series of frequencies and DC pulse widths. Immobilization probability of Round Goby, they are getting close to what power is what density. This does not kill the fish they paralyze the fish. A fish that is fully mobilized has the opportunity to turn around. An electrical barrier is considered a behavior barrier; because it changes its behavior, in that it makes them want to turn away. Roughly 200 fish were in this study. Most of the fish reacted the same. This is a creditable sample. Jean Romback-Bartels stated that they have used Electric Barriers for carp. Swimming Speed Study – The connectivity goes up with the temperature. They tested between 80-90 fish in this study.
 - b. What is next – The initial results will be available on January 22nd. The Board approved phase 1, Phase 2: The Round Goby egg and larvae collection in Grand Traverse Bay (they were unable to do that) - They plan on collecting the eggs and raise the larvae in the lab. Research other means of deterrence for larval/young-of-year-Round Goby such as Carbon dioxide and Bubble Curtain. Jason will gather information on these two ideas and report back to Jeremy Cords. Jean does not see anything above and beyond what Jason is doing and proposing. She is giving her guidance as to what the DNR is looking for. But when it comes to voting on this subject, she will recuse herself. Jeremy states we have another approval process coming up. Phases 2 and 3 they would start that in June and would need a 2 to 3-month notice. Having the contract ready to go by

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mid-winter is critical to the success of study. Jeremy asks if it would be fair to say by Fall of 2021, we would have the information we would need to make a decision.

3. Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

- a. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
 1. Discussion – Colleen Harris moves to approve the meeting minutes, John Vette seconds, all approve.
- b. Review and approval of Treasure’s Report – Tim Short
 1. FRNSA Financial Statement – Staffing down to due the Lock season coming to an end. Administration budget up a bit due to legal fees.
 2. Dashboard Report – In general there were no surprises, funds are where they need to be. Tim Short makes a motion to accept Financials as presented, Colleen seconds. All approve.
- c. Projects / Operations
 1. Fall Colors Weekend
 1. Discussion – We had a great turn out! Beautiful weather! Mary Schmidt states we had a lot of action on our Facebook page. Mary sent out an eblast on Facebook people were very engaged. We spent an extra \$40.00 and reached another 5,000 people.
 2. Combined Locks Pedestrian Bridge
 1. Discussion – Jeremy Cords presents – The Combined Locks Pedestrian Bridge run from Heesakker Park over the spillway it lands on our little island. Then they will add a switchback, so people have ADA access for kayaking. This is a project that opens a piece of property that is currently inaccessible. Jeremy is asking for a reaffirmation of the \$16,000 for ADA and providing access to the public and promote the Locks. The Village of Little Chute will maintain the lawn and bridge. Daina says she looked up where we left off, and she thought there was a lot of paving that they wanted to have done. Which is an outstanding adverse effect. She thought there was concern over the location and paving. She would like to review this. Daina and Jeremy will get together to discuss. John Vette motions, and Colleen Harris seconds, Daina wants to make sure all is compliant, all approve.
 3. Racine St Bridge replacement
 1. Informative notice – Construction on Racine St Bridge in Menashe to be completed November 2022. The construction will make the bridge taller. This is for information to the Board.
 4. Fox Locks Interpretive Program
 1. Program project brief – Jeremy Cords present we are working on an Interpretive Program with Picture/informative boards.
 2. Fox Locks - Kaukauna Interpretive Trail – Story Maps to include QR Code to see GIS history. We would build an intranet within our website to include this information. We would also be looking a kiosk, explaining what you are looking at and the history all 5 Locks. We can have people in the boats and pedestrians engaged in the Locks. Daina explains how the Maritime Trail used kiosks. SHPO also used Story maps and added

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different layers to the stratification of history. Ron asks, are we in a time frame to use our funds. Jeremy says yes, we need to have a proposal by December 1st. Ron asks can we have a proposal by then, Mary says yes. Jeremy would like the Board approval to continue to work on this proposal. Jeremy is meeting Mayor Penterman on Thursday. Ron thinks that Heritage Crossing Bridge will come within 2 blocks from Kaukauna's City Hall. Colleen Harris motions to approve support of the Fox Locks Kaukauna Interpretive Trail with a report date of Thursday, November 20th. Bruce Enke seconds, all approve.

- d. Sediment Removal Project – Phil Ramlet
 1. Update – Jeremy is researching sediment removal that was done in the past by the ACOE.
 - e. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen
 1. Discuss for approval – Capital Budget
 1. Omni and Associates – monthly billing – Damn inspections, Lock 4 seawall. Colleen Motions to pay the Omni invoice, Daina seconds. All approve
 2. Kleinschmidt – invoice Colleen motions to approve, John Vette seconds, all approve.
 3. Krause Law – invoice – Colleen motions to approve payment for Krause invoice, Tim Short seconds, all approve to pay Krause invoice.
 - f. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
 1. Discussion
 - g. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
 1. Appleton Downtown Inc – River Trail
 2. Rapide Croche – Storm Water Regional Planning – Kathy Curren is in favor of route #1. Would like to have a Property Committee soon. She is looking at some time in December. Daina is concerned of an archeology disturbance. The village will take care of environmental. We will want a survey done. Kathy would like Board approval for a survey for them to come up with route. Daina would like the survey sent to her for review. Colleen Harris Motions, Jean Rombach-Bartels seconds, all approve.
 - h. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
 1. Nothing to Report
 - i. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
 1. Nothing to Report
 - j. Committee Reports
 1. N/A
4. Closed Session Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(e)
- a. Visitor Center Unbundling – Ron Van De Hey motions for a closed session to discuss unbundling. Tim Short seconds, all approve. Ron would like to report in our closed session we took no action, it was for information only.

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5. Adjournment

- a. Colleen Harris motions to adjourn, Tim Short seconds, all approve.