

## Fox River Navigational System Authority

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- Public Meeting Notice/Agenda -

### FRNSA Board of Directors

Tuesday February 23rd, 2021 – Board Meeting 3:00PM

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**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: 4:33

Guests Kyle Sargent citizen interested in goby study, Brian Kerhin WLUK TV, Phil Ramlet OMNNI, Mary Schmidt, Schmidt Communicates

### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Special Guest Speakers
3. Jason Kent – Great Lakes Research - Round Goby Study update
  - Jason summarized the study findings and stressed the results were only on adult round gobies and further study was needed on juvenile fish. He indicated egg and larvae collection is scheduled for June/July 2021.
  - Study results showed that all fish tested were fatigued by increasing water velocity and the time to fatigue younger fish would be shorter.
  - Study confirmed that the energy threshold suggested by the Smith/Root study was similar to their findings.
  - Discussion ensued about modifying the proposed electronic barrier length, voltage gradient, the size of the electrodes and placement and how changes would react to goby behavior as fish moved vertically in the water column.
  - Board member Jean Romback-Bartels stated the DNR would provide written comments on study findings within two weeks.
4. Patrick Forsythe – 2020 AIS Monitoring review: Reported on the methodology of collecting aquatic invasive species (AIS). He noted that in addition to all sampling sites, the monitoring teams expanded sampling areas into Lake Winnebago and nearby shores to add more locations. No invasive species were found in Lake. Crews logged almost 10,000 hours of fishing time and round gobies were the only invasive species found in 2020. He also reported that despite more testing locations, the teams collected fewer round gobies than in past years. Forsythe explained the sampling is also raw material for graduate research and could possibly be published studies.
5. Reports, Officers, Members, Committees
  - a. Previous board meeting minutes: motion to approve minutes made by Jeff Feldt, second from Jean Romback-Bartels, motion approved unanimously.
  - b. Review and approval of Treasure's Report – Tim Short
    1. FRNSA Financial Statement: Short reported that after several growth months, there was a slight downturn in the fund, however given the healthy start to the year, this is not a concern.

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2. Dashboard Report – Project expenses on the round goby study and AIS monitoring studies are higher but it is mostly due to the timing of the invoicing. Overall goby study has increased in scope, but not significantly.
3. Motion to approve treasurer’s report made by Tim Short, second by Jeff Feldt, approved unanimously
- c. Capital Projects Committee - Colleen
  1. Discuss for approval – Capital Budget
  2. Motion to approve all invoices made by Colleen Harris, second by Kathryn Curren, approved unanimously
    1. Omni and Associates
    2. Kleinschmidt Goby Study
    3. UWGB AIS Monitoring
- d. Project / Operations
  1. Combined Locks Sediment Review – Westwood: Phil Ramlet reported they will get bids from contractors to stay within a budget of \$250-300,000. Need to coordinate a walk-through at the site.
  2. Kaukauna Trail update –
    - Jeremy reported we are working on a grant application for development of the trail from the Kaukauna Guard Lock to Lock 5. Discussion on the project reviewed placement of lights, fences, and signage with a goal of replacing large chain link fences around locks with lower fences that provide a view of the locks. We will have a draft of the application by 3.20 for a 3.26 deadline for the Nelson Fund.
    - Jeremy met with the City of Kaukauna regarding the proposed trail and they are supportive of the trail concept and discussed wayfinding through the city of Kaukauna to connect the pedestrian trails.
    - Jeremy also met with leadership from the Building for Kids to develop a STEM curriculum and display about the locks and they presented a proposal to create a display in the museum.
  3. Chair Ron spoke with developer regarding Appleton Lock 3 with no clear results.
- e. Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt
  1. Nothing to report
- f. Property Committee – Kathy Curren
  - Kathy inquired if we have a meeting set up with Ahlstrom-Muncksjö
  - Ron Van De Hey recommended the property committee walk the proposed Kaukauna trail and assess the improvements needed for the office.
- g. Dry Dock Rehabilitation Project – Jean Romback-Bartels
  1. Jean reported she spoke with Army Corps of Engineers in Chicago and will continue to review status of the sampling with DNR staff. She reported sampling is needed to determine how the property can be reused.
- h. Fundraising Committee – John Vette
  1. Nothing to Report
- i. Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke
  1. Nothing to Report

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6. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John Vette, second by Tim Short, approved unanimously.