

## Fox River Navigational System Authority

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- Public Meeting Notice/Agenda -

### FRNSA Board of Directors

Tuesday March 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, Jean Rombach-Bartels (DNR), Colleen Harris (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords

**Absent:** John Vette

**Guests:** Kyle Sargent representing Appleton Yacht Club, Mary Schmidt, Schmidt Communicates, Phil Ramlet, Westwood (OMNNI)

Start: 3:12 pm End: 4:09 pm

### Agenda:

#### Introductions

#### Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

##### Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

Motion to approve made by Kathy Curren, second by Daina Penkiunas, approved unanimously

##### Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Tim Short

FRNSA Financial Statement: Short reported it was a good month for the fund and it was up \$580,000, a month year for the market. In terms of expenses, February was in good shape over January despite the emergency lock repair. Chair Van De Hey asked how the rate of return compares to benchmark and Cords explained it reflects a more conservative investment philosophy.

- Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Tim Short, second by Bruce Enke, approved unanimously

##### Capital Projects Committee - Colleen Harris

Discuss for approval – Capital Budget

Westwood (Omni) and Associates – monthly billing: discussion ensued about possible renovations to the FRNSA building, timeline, costs, and space utilization plans.

Kleinschmidt – invoices

- Motion to approve capital projects invoices made by Colleen Harris, second by Kathy Curren, approved unanimously

##### Project / Operations

*Combined Locks Sediment Review* – Westwood, Phil Ramlet. Tim Bolwerk from Westwood will schedule a meeting w/Little Chute about removing sedimentation from inside the lower lock chamber at Little Chute.

Jeremy indicated we will need to dredge about 30' from the lock doors. We will schedule a walk-through and anticipate opening bids in late April. When remediated, sediment will be transported to an approved disposal site near Green Bay.

*Kaukauna Trail update* – Jeremy updated the board on the progress of planning for the Kaukauna Locks/Interpretive Trail and explained the total budget is about \$415,000. He explained that a large portion of the trail exists but needs improvements, and there are about 1200' of trail that would need new construction. He updated committee on the amenities needed to improve the trail, new fencing, lighting, attractions, potential partnership with the Grignon Mansion, partnerships with the Building for Kids, and possible funding/partnership with the City of Kaukauna. He updated committee on the status of seeking grant funding from the Nelson Fund, a grant request will be filed by 3.26, and a decision is expected in early May.

Discussion of the parks and trails in Kaukauna ensued.

##### Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt

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Nothing to report, all covered in previous comments

### Property Committee – Kathy Curren

- Kathy reported on *Ahlstrom Munksjo Lease* and we will need a phase 2 that could require soil borings and excavation. We need to first be aware of potential contamination on the site before a lease moves forward, and there's a potential impact of \$70-\$80k for the investigation. Discussion ensued about talks with Ahlstrom Munksjo regarding site remediation.
- *Wrightstown Stormwater Sewer Project*: Kathy reported she reached out to McMahon to appraise the property and have an easement drafted.
- *DePere Lock House*: Kathy updated board on issues with lease on lock tenders house. The State Department of Justice (DOJ) indicated FRNSA is not a state entity and therefore not entitled to legal services from the State DOJ. They encouraged us to seek outside council to get a new lease in place. There appears to projects completed without approval or review by FRNSA. The property committee is discussing remedies up to and including potential legal action.

### Dry Dock Rehab Project/ Kleinschmidt Goby Report Review – Jean Romback-Bartels

- No feedback on the Dry Dock from Army Corps of Engineers.
- *Feedback on Goby Report*: Jean updated board that she circulated the Kleinschmidt study through DNR experts; they are pleased with the work and results thus far. DNR submitted minor comments to Kleinschmidt. At this point in time, the DNR sees no issues with Kleinschmidt's process and findings, however before Kleinschmidt goes further to tweak the study, Jeremy will facilitate a phone conference between DNR and Kleinschmidt scientists to discuss any open issues.
- Discussion ensued regarding the length of time and depth of detail within scientific studies. Jean indicated that because not much is known about the round goby, this can make scientific study more difficult. She indicated the study will also help to control AIS in the river system in the future.

### Fundraising Committee – John Vette

No report

### Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

Bruce reported it is on hold.

Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Curren, second by Jeff Feldt, approved unanimously.