

**Fox River Navigational System Authority**

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- Public Meeting Notice/Agenda -

**FRNSA Board of Directors**

Tuesday May 25th, 2021 – Board Meeting 3:00PM

Virtual: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/412495285>

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**Access Code:** 412-495-285

**In-Person:** Fox Locks Office 1008 Augustine St Kaukauna, WI 54130

**Members:** Ron Van De Hey (Chair), Jeff Feldt (VP), Tim Short (T), Kathryn Curren (S), Bruce Enke, John Vette, Ashley Dooley for (Jean Rombach-Bartels - DNR), Colleen Harris (DOT), Daina Penkiunas (SHPO), Jeremy Cords

Start: 3:07 End: 4:41

Guests: Phil Ramlet Westwood, Mary Schmidt Schmidt Communicates

**Agenda:**

Meeting called to order by vice chair Jeff Feldt

Introductions

Reports, Officers, Members, Committees

Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Bruce Enke second by Daina Penkiunas, approved unanimously

Review and approval of Treasurer's Report – Tim Short

- Short reported the month's performance was good. He reported there were reasonable charges including expenses for a pickup truck and purchase of a mule and gator. The Fund ended at \$19.481 million and we're in good financial shape.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Tim Short second by John Vette, approved unanimously

Capital Projects Committee - Colleen Harris

Discuss for approval – Capital Budget

- Westwood – monthly billing
- Kleinschmidt – invoices
- McMullen and Pitz - invoices
- UW Green Bay – invoices, Board discussed timing on when the UWGB contract is up.
- Motion to approve capital projects made by Colleen Harris, second by Bruce Enke, approved unanimously

Project / Operations

FY 2021/22 Budget

- Cords reported on traffic from 2020/2021, and how opening weekend compared over the years, with DePere and Little Rapids being the busiest locks.
- Discussion about advertising, public relations, and promotions prior to opening day
- Discussion ensued about dates for dedication of Kaukauna bridge and announcement of pedestrian trail. Date moved to July 13.

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- Jeremy announced a successful award of the Nelson Fund grant of \$300,000. Working with Westwood to put plans and specifications together. He also reported that SHPO approved the trail plans.
- Cords reported he reviewed staffing wages with accountant and adjusted the budget to increase compensation 3% for staff. Discussion about competition for employees in the region.
- Cords explained the budget compares favorably to previous year. Discussion ensued about various line items regarding capital projects.
- Daina Penkiunas commented that we should budget for rehabilitation of the lock tenders homes. Discussion about setting funds aside and investing specifically for this project
- Motion to approve budget with Jeremy's adjustment made by Daina Penkiunas, second by Bruce Enke, approved unanimously

### Executive Committee – Jeffrey Feldt

- Committee met on 5.11, discussed rehabilitation of Appleton Lock 1 that only took 2.5 weeks to complete.
- Discussed Army Corps taking samples of the dry dock to assess contamination of the area with testing to begin 5.26.
- Reviewed legal representation and that we will be changing providers to Andy Rossmeissl at Herling Clark.

### Property Committee – Kathy Curren

- Met with Ron, Bruce E, Kathy C, and McMahan Associates at Rapide Croche on Friday 05-14-2021 to discuss the rerouting of the proposed Wrightstown Storm Water Sewer line to the NW property boundary of Rapide Croche so it will not interfere with other/future property improvements.

### DNR – Ashley Dooley

- Reported that a DNR Representative Sarah Krueger will be on site at the Dry Dock with the ACOE while they are doing the sampling May 25-28. Additionally, the ACOE has decided not to do the additional sampling that was suggested by the DNR on the NE corner of the property, and another area of the property.
- Working w/city of Menasha on the Whiting Paper Mill, city of Menasha wants to begin demo of the property and Dooley reported they will keep the Goby in mind.
- City of Menasha would like to create a pathway from Lawson mill to Little Lake Butte des Morts, and DNR is having conversations with them about strict enforcement of the Goby prevention guidelines. Board asked questions of Ashley regarding the requirements.

### Fundraising Committee – John Vette

- John Vette raised the issue of grant writing for funding. Cords reported that we had engaged grantwriters in the past. He reported that we are reviewing some grant opportunities and identifying partners and staff to gain grants. Cords also reported we are putting together a list of projects, a timeline for scheduling the projects, and which are appropriate for grants.

### Rapide Croche Committee – Bruce Enke

- Discussion about bringing a tour boat to the northern end of Rapide Croche, another tour boat to the southern side of the barrier and the possibility of transferring tour boat customers between tour boats in Portage type fashion. However, changes to

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the property would be required. Any potential of a boat landing at this location would require significant construction. Board discussed an AIS concept being used in the Utah DNR, to wash and disinfect a boat prior to reentry.

<https://wildlife.utah.gov/news/utah-wildlife-news/1155-dwr-and-partners-announce-revolutionary-new-method-for-decontaminating-boats-removing-invasive-quagga-mussels.html>

**Adjournment**

MOTION to adjourn made by Bruce Enke, second by John Vette, approved unanimously.