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MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2007, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the Council Chambers of the Boscobel City Hall to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Bill Lundberg. All members were present. Acknowledgment that the meeting was properly noticed was provided by Mark E. Cupp, Executive Director. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Don Greenwood, seconded by Jerry Dorscheid. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2007, meeting was made by Greenwood, seconded by Fred Madison. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2007, special meeting regarding the proposed Cultural History and Natural Resources Center was made by Greenwood, seconded by Melody Moore. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chairman Lundberg who reviewed correspondence. Lundberg said Cupp had received a request from the Sauk Prairie River PALS to support a grant application focused on conducting a survey of the Riverway backwater fishery and associated educational efforts. Cupp noted the request had been received between board meetings so he had taken the request to the Executive Committee, per board policy. Lundberg said the committee had adopted a motion in support of the grant proposal. Cupp provided the letter of support as well as background on the grant proposal to the board.

Lundberg said the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Wisconsin Heights from the Black Hawk War of 1832 would be commemorated on July 21st at the Black Hawk Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County. Cupp said David Gjestson was organizing the event and had invited the LWSRB to participate. He asked board members to consider attending. More details will be forthcoming.

Lundberg noted the Spring Green community will celebrate a sesquicentennial this year. Cupp said a series of events will be held throughout the summer including an event on June 3rd at Tower Hill State Park. Cupp said he will be a presenter on June 3rd.

Lundberg noted the second article regarding the Riverway appeared in the April issue of the Wisconsin Counties Association magazine. Cupp said the focus of the second article was on history, archeology, mounds maintenance protocols and recreation. Ron Leys and Greg Greenheck commented that the articles were well written.

Lundberg noted election of officers will take place at the June 14, 2007, meeting. He asked Personnel Committee Chair Moore if the committee would attend to the duties of proffering a slate of officers at the June meeting. Moore replied in the affirmative. Lundberg encouraged board members interested in an office to contact Moore or Cupp.

Lundberg acknowledged Cupp and Marsha Nachtigal, LWSRB Office Associate, for their hard work in preparing the presentation for the proposed Cultural History & Natural Resources Center, which was unveiled at the special meeting on April 23rd. Cupp noted he may have an opportunity to travel to Omaha to make a presentation to the National Park Service Regional Office. He said it is tentative but said, because of restrictions on out-of-state travel, he would need approval from the board. A motion to approve Cupp's travel request was made by Leys, seconded by Madison. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. A permit previously issued to Mel and Alice Levy for construction of a new house in the Town of Spring Green, Sauk County, was discussed. Dorscheid noted the Operations Committee had visited the site in April and had met with the contractor, Joe Hackl, to discuss the location and design of the proposed driveway. A revised driveway access was approved by the board in April. At that time, the board also determined implementation of a planting plan would be required as was noted

in the permit conditions. Brad Hutnik, DNR Riverway Forester, indicated he was working with the landowner on development of a planting plan. Hutnik said the planting of white pine and plum trees were discussed. A power point presentation was shown. Cupp suggested that the board require planting of one white pine and two plum trees at specified locations. Greenwood encouraged the board to be very specific on number, species and location for the trees. Cupp noted implementation of the planting plan is required and is not optional. A motion to require planting of one white pine tree at a minimum height of 4 ft. to 6 ft. at time of planting, two plum trees at a minimum height of 3 ft. to 5 ft. at time of planting, with survivability of the trees required and with the locations to be specified by the DNR Riverway Forester. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hutnik also expressed concern about potential mortality of trees along the new driveway. Hutnik noted a chestnut tree had been damaged. He said conversations with the contractor had specifically sought to avoid damage to the tree. Also, Hutnik expressed concern about the limestone gravel having adverse effects on the pine trees. A power point presentation was shown.

Cupp then showed photographs of the Calder family structure on an adjacent parcel. A permit for the garage had been approved by the board at a previous meeting. The structure complies with the applicable performance standards.

Cupp noted the DNR would meet with representatives of the Crystal/Fish/Mud Lake District to discuss the pumping project. The meeting was slated for May 18th.

Cupp reported on permits he had issued since the last meeting. A general permit for a garage was issued to Brian Weigel for a site in the Town of Prairie du Sac, Sauk County. A general permit was issued to Leonard Ward for selective harvesting of walnut trees on lands not visible from the river in the Town of Marietta, Crawford County.

There were no reports from the Budget & Office Committee report or the Personnel Committee.

The Executive Director's report was presented by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members' packets. Cupp said work on the proposed designation of STH 60 as a Wisconsin Scenic Byways continues. He said work on the proposed Cultural History and Natural Resources Center also continues. Cupp said Cultural Landscape Legacies again will participate in the Muscoda Morel Mushroom Festival with lectures and tours of effigy mound sites.

Under board members' business, Leys thanked Lundberg for the rescue during the pre-meeting paddling excursion.

The DNR report was presented by Steve Colden, DNR Riverway Manager, who said an easement was acquired on 3 acres near the Battle of Wisconsin Heights site in Dane County. He said a reprint of the Riverway Visitor is now available. Colden said the closed area near the Mazomanie Beach has been posted and will be patrolled this summer.

Hutnik gave a power point presentation on timber harvests proposed for the Boscobel area. He focused on the proposed harvest at Prairie du Bay in the Town of Boscobel, Grant County; the proposed harvest in the Blue River Bottoms in the Town of Watterstown, Grant County; and, the proposed harvest on the former Merwin tract in the Town of Marietta, Crawford County.

Jason Bayer, a DNR Conservation Warden currently training with Warden David Youngquist was introduced. He thanked the board for allowing him to join the canoe outing and noted the lower Wisconsin River is a beautiful place.

During the public comment session, Timm Zumm of Spring Green, Co-Chair of the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin (FLOW), presented the board with a photographic journal of a trip taken by him and his sons to Tower Hill State Park by water. He noted a beautiful cedar canoe is being raffled in conjunction with the Spring Green sesquicentennial. He noted river clean-up activities are planned for the coming weeks with the Sauk Prairie PALS, Private Landowners of Wisconsin and FLOW all conducting separate events on the upper segment of the river.

Kevin Isenring of Sauk City said the board's website is not update in regard to minutes. He suggested toilet locations be added. Isenring encourage the board to consider a different meeting time. He asked if the 8:00 p.m. closing time at the Mazomanie Beach would be enforced. He said the LWSRB and DNR should lead by example and said there should be no discrimination in enforcement activities. He said human waste could be considered a biohazard or should be treated under solid waste or refuse regulations. Isenring said the DNR should seek a long term solution to the problem of operating an illegal campground on the Riverway sandbars. He said the issue should be studied and recommended better maps be developed. Isenring said the Riverway should be run more like a campground. He also said a number of camping trailers visible from the river have been placed between Sauk City and Spring Green. He said the Mazomanie boat landing constitutes an illegal pier in the Riverway and said a warning should be issued to the Town of Mazomanie.

A motion to adjourn until June 14th when the meeting will be held at the Black Hawk Unit in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County, was made by Madison, seconded by Nice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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For further information, corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes, contact Mark Cupp, Executive Director, at (608) 739-3188 or 1-800-221-3792.

Minutes submitted by:

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