

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2008, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the village hall in Muscodia 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 with the exceptions of Fred Madison and Ritchie Brown. 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 Ron Leys. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2008, meeting was made by Leys, seconded by Melody Moore. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chairman Lundberg who reviewed correspondence. Lundberg said a copy of a letter from State Representative Sheryl Albers to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary Matt Frank regarding Kevin Isenring and issues with property in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County was received. Lundberg noted the correspondence was provided to the board for informational purposes.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. The permit request of John Adams for construction of a storage shed in the Town of Eagle, Richland County, was considered. Dorscheid said a field inspection was conducted by Cupp on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Mr. Adams was present for the field inspection. Plans call for construction of a storage shed in the former Bock quarry. The shed will 30 ft. x 48 ft. x 25 ft. (height). The exterior colorization will be light brown side walls and green roof. Field inspection revealed the site is not visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions. The height of the structure will not result in the shed being visible from the river.

Dorscheid made a motion, seconded by Leys, to approve issuance of a permit with the following conditions:

- The height of the structure shall be limited so that the structure does not become visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions and shall not exceed 25 feet;
- The landowner or his/her agent shall notify the LWSRB upon initiation and completion of the project; and,
- The activity shall comply with all other federal, state and local regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.

The permit request of Quentin Hurtz for a timber harvest in the Towns of Boscobel and Marion, Grant County, was considered. A field inspection was conducted by Cupp in conjunction with previous permit activity at the site. Plans call for the selective harvest of walnut and miscellaneous other species in conjunction with a timber stand improvement project. Poor quality trees will be removed to enhance the vigor of the woodlot. The harvest is being conducted under an MFL plan and the landowner is working with Craig Hollingsworth, DNR Forester, on the harvest. The parcel is 200 acres in size and most of the ownership is outside of the Riverway boundary and is not visible from the Wisconsin River. The activity will comply with the applicable performance standards. No new roads will be constructed. Greenwood asked for a definition of the term "shelterwood." Brad Hutnik, DNR Riverway Forester, said a shelterwood cut can be described as a regeneration cut that is done in phases, usually two or three harvests over a period of time.

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Dorscheid made a motion, seconded by Nick Nice, to approve issuance of a permit with the following conditions:

- The harvest shall comply with the basal area limits for the residual stand in the Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone, as detailed in Chapter NR 37, Wisconsin Administrative Code;
- In the Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone, the harvest shall be limited to the times when the ground is frozen or dry and the leaves are off the deciduous trees;
- The LWSRB shall approve of the location and design of all small regeneration cuts or shelterwood cuts, if any, in the Riverview Zone;
- The LWSRB shall approve the location and design of all new logging roads, if any, in the Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone;
- The new logging roads, if any, shall comply with the applicable performance standards regarding grade and erosion control and shall be re-seeded upon completion of the harvest;
- If necessary, the Bluff Zone, Riverview Zone and Resource Management Zone shall be delineated prior to initiation of the harvest;
- All trees selected for harvest in the Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone shall be appropriately marked and approved by the LWSRB prior to initiation of the harvest;
- The landowner or his/her agent shall notify the LWSRB within 10 working days upon completion of the harvest and the LWSRB shall conduct a post-harvest field inspection; and,
- The LWSRB shall review modifications to the plans, as submitted, for compliance with the applicable regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dorscheid reported the Forest Health Ad Hoc Committee had met prior to the board meeting. Presentations were heard from DNR and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection officials. Hutnik gave a summary of the meeting. He said updates were provided on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Gypsy Moth (GM) as well as other forest health issues. Hutnik said a comprehensive information and education campaign will be important to assure landowners and the general public are aware of the implications for both GM and EAB infestations in Wisconsin.

Matt Zine, DNR State Natural Areas (SNA) Manager, provided the board with an update on planned SNA activities in the Riverway for 2008. Zine reviewed activities at the Arena Pines, Avoca Prairie, Bakken's Pond, Blue River Sands, Blue River Bluffs, Ferry Bluff, Gotham Sands, Mazomanie Barrens, Mazomanie Bottoms, Millville Uplands, Spring Green Preserve, Smith Slough, Woodman Sands and Wyalusing Hardwoods. Activities include prescribed burns, non-native invasive species control, timber harvesting and vegetative management.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chairman Nice who reviewed the status of the FY 08 budget.

There was no report from the Personnel Committee.

The Executive Director's report was presented by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members' packets.

There were no comments under board members' business,

The DNR report was presented by Steve Colden, DNR Riverway Manager, who said an easement had been purchased on 97 acres in the Town of Wyoming, Iowa County, and a fee title acquisition had transpired in the Town of Arena, Iowa County, for 86 acres. He said the land use agreement with the Crystal/Fish/Mud Lake District regarding the pumping project and use of DNR lands for the pilot study on the discharge area had been signed. Colden said funds had been acquired for invasive species control. He noted Riverway LTE staff comes on board on April 1st. John DiFulvio, DNR Parks & Recreation Specialist, reported work will be conducted to address the erosion problems at the Dingman mound group in the Town of Eagle, Richland County. Hutnik then reported that Riverway Management Advisory Committee had met again this year (formerly, Bottomlands Ecology Task Force). He said work on a biotic inventory will continue. Hutnik noted the Riverway is in the queue for a revised master plan, which is about six years out.

During the public comment session, Timm Zumm, Co-Chair of the Friends of Lower Wisconsin (FLOW), said that Paul Brandt would be honored by the River Alliance of Wisconsin as a River Champion.

A motion to adjourn until April 10th when the meeting will be held in Sauk City was made by Nice, seconded by Dorscheid. **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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