

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at the Peterson Shelter, Wyalusing State Park, to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Don Greenwood. All members were present with the exceptions of Fred Madison and Melody Moore. Acknowledgment that the meeting was properly noticed was provided by Mark E. Cupp, Executive Director. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Leys, seconded by Jerry Dorscheid. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013, meeting was made by Dorscheid, seconded by Bob Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.** Greenwood asked for delay in consideration of the minutes of the August 22, 2013, meeting until he and Cupp have a chance to review the tape of the meeting and make changes.

The Executive Committee report was presented by Greenwood who noted letters had been sent to Pattison Sand Company and the four landowners indicating the board had voted to deny issuance of nonmetallic mining permits for the Town of Bridgeport, Crawford County, properties.

Greenwood said the committee had discussed strategic planning. The session will be held on November 8th with someone from UW-Extension facilitating. Cupp said the session will be noticed as a public meeting but that public comment would not have to be entertained unless the board would choose to allow public comment. Leys the public should be allowed to participate in the process but not at the board's planning session. Greenwood concurred and said the public will be able to comment on the revised strategic plan before being approved by the board. Cupp said the session will be held at either the Ruth Culver Library in Prairie du Sac or the Mazomanie Town Hall near Mazomanie. Arimond noted the session should allow the board to look back but also chart the future and identify issues. He cited examples of increasing public awareness and enjoyment of the Riverway as well as an increase in the statewide interest in the project as potential issues. Arimond suggested the board look at similar programs elsewhere in the nation. Leys said federal programs also should be evaluated. Dorscheid said the LWSRB model should be touted as a template for other river systems to consider for protection of those resources.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. No new permits applications were filed with the board since the previous meeting. Cupp said he was waiting for the written warning to be issued to Matt Gibson by DNR Conservation Warden David Youngquist for the tree mortality at Wintergreen in the Town of Wyoming, Iowa County. He said he had met with Mike Degen at Taliesin to discuss tree and woody vegetation removal and will schedule an Operation Committee visit to the site next month. Cupp said American Transmission Company (ATC) was engaged in right of way maintenance in the Town of Wyoming, Iowa County. He said a preliminary meeting with ATC and Alliant Energy representatives to discuss a future power line reconstruction at the Prairie du Sac dam had occurred but no formal plans have been put forth. Dorscheid noted the Executive Director had not issued any permits since the August meeting.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chairman Cary who reviewed the FY 14 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. Cupp noted river flow remains below normal.

There were no comments under board members' business.

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The DNR report was given by Matt Seguin, DNR Riverway Manager, who said a record number of wood ducks were banded by the wildlife crew. He said dumping of construction materials on state owned lands west of Muscoda continues to be a problem. Seguin said a new shed will be built on Leone Road in the Town of Spring Green, Sauk County, but will not be visible from the river during leaf-on conditions. He said a forestry audit was completed and the early reviews have been positive. Leys noted pelicans have returned to the Mississippi River and wondered if pelicans had been spotted on the Wisconsin River. Seguin said he had not heard about any sightings. Cary asked for clarification on the location of the illegal dumping near Muscoda. Seguin said construction materials had been dumped off the High Bank Road and noted it is costly to clean up and dispose of properly.

During the public comment session, Forest Jahnke of the Crawford Stewardship Project thanked the board for denying the nonmetallic mining permits in Bridgeport. Timm Zumm of the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (FLOW) also thanked the board for the action to deny the permits in Bridgeport. He said the number of kayakers on the river has increased. Zumm said there is more trash on sandbars this year. FLOW will conduct a river clean-up from the Prairie du Sac dam to Spring Green. Annie Waisman of Fennimore asked if the board will pursue changes to the Riverway law. Greenwood said the matter will be discussed at the strategic planning session.

Greenwood thanked the organizations and individuals for their participation and comments regarding the nonmetallic mining permit considerations.

Mark Setzke of the Town of Roxbury, Dane County, and Town of Wyalusing, Grant County, also thanked the board for the decision to deny the nonmetallic mining permits. He said overall awareness of the Riverway Board's role and regulatory authority should be increased, particularly on the west end of the project.

A motion to adjourn until October 10th when the meeting will be held at Wauzeka was made by Dorscheid, seconded by Dave Martin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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