

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2014, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board office in Muscodia to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Greenwood. 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 Jerry Dorscheid, seconded by George Arimond. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014, meeting was made by Bob Cary, seconded by Dorscheid. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chairman Greenwood. The board meeting schedule for 2015 was presented. All meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.

January 8, 2015	Muscodia	Kratochwill Memorial Building
February 12, 2015	Muscodia	Kratochwill Memorial Building
March 12, 2015	Muscodia	Kratochwill Memorial Building
April 9, 2015	Sauk City	Public Library
May 14, 2015	Boscobel	City Hall
June 11, 2015	Mazomanie	Black Hawk Unit (Rhineland Cabin)
July 9, 2015	Muscodia	Kratochwill Memorial Building
August 13, 2015	Spring Green	Public Library
September 10, 2015	Prairie du Chien	Wyalusing State Park
October 8, 2015	Wauzeka	Village Hall
November 12, 2015	Avoca	Village Hall
December 10, 2015	Muscodia	Kratochwill Memorial Building

A motion to approve the 2015 meeting was made by Melody Moore, seconded by Fred Madison. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cupp reported another hearing will be held in Circuit Court regarding the Pattison Sand Company case against the LWSRB. Judge Craig Day will preside at the hearing in Crawford County Circuit Court, Prairie du Chien, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Greenwood noted a meeting with Assistant Attorney General F. Mark Bromley will be held to discuss the proceedings. Cupp said the preliminary draft of legislation to alter the nonmetallic mining regulations in the Riverway law had been received. He said the Executive Committee had approved his recommended changes which included addition of definitions, a maximum size and clarified the exemption for municipal uses. Cupp said he will continue to meet with Riverway legislators to garner support for the bill. A motion to approve the recommended changes was made by Madison, seconded by Arimond. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Personnel Committee Chair Moore gave a partial committee report to acknowledge LWSRB Office Associate Marsha Curtis. Moore noted the annual performance evaluation for Curtis had been completed by the Executive Director. Curtis received Satisfactory to Exceeds Expectations for all categories. Moore noted the committee will conduct a joint meeting with the Budget & Office Committee to discuss the possible issuance of a Discretionary Merit Compensation award for the extra work associated with the Year of the Riverway and nonmetallic mining court case. Moore thanked Curtis for her service to the board.

Arimond then led a session on strategic planning. He asked board member to assist with prioritizing potential partners to assist in three areas: 1) identification of threats; 2) assistance with solutions to threats; and, 3) mission support and solution support. Cupp will evaluate the board's contributions and review with Arimond and Moore.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. The permit request of Stan Fritz for a timber harvest in the Town of Woodman, Grant County, was considered. Dorscheid noted the consultant is Steve Smith of Riverside Sawmill. He said a field inspection was conducted by Cupp on December 4, 2014. Mr. Smith and Nick Morehouse, DNR Riverway Forester, were present for the field inspection. Plans call for the selective harvest of merchantable hardwoods in the Bluff Zone and small regeneration cuts in the Riverview Zone for the purpose of regeneration of maple. The Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone have been delineated. No new roads will be constructed. The harvest will be conducted when the leaves are off the deciduous trees and the ground is frozen or dry. The site is highly visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions. Dorscheid noted the Operations Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Dorscheid made a motion, seconded by Madison, to approve issuance of a timber harvest permit with standard conditions. The standard conditions for a timber harvest permit include:

- 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, all trees selected for harvest shall be appropriately marked and reviewed by the LWSRB for compliance with the applicable performance standards prior to initiation of the harvest;
- In the Bluff 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 review 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;
- The LWSRB shall review the location and design of all shelterwood or small regeneration cuts, if any, in the Riverview Zone to assure compliance with the applicable performance standards;
- The Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone shall be delineated prior to initiation of the harvest, if necessary;
- The landowner or his/her agent shall notify the LWSRB within 10 working days upon completion of the harvest and, if necessary, the LWSRB shall conduct a post-harvest field inspection; and,
- The LWSRB shall review modification of the plans, as submitted, for compliance with the applicable performance standards.

MOTION CARRIED.

The permit request of Lee Pulda for a timber harvest in the Town of Bridgeport, Crawford County, was reviewed. Dorscheid noted the consultant is Steve Smith of Riverside Sawmill. He said a field inspection was conducted by Cupp on December 4, 2014. Smith and Morehouse were present for the field inspection. Dorscheid said plans call for the selective harvest of merchantable hardwoods in the Bluff Zone and Riverview Zone. Trees 16 inches and greater will be harvested. The marking has been reviewed by Morehouse. No new roads will be constructed. The harvest will be conducted when the leaves are off the deciduous trees and the ground is frozen or dry. The site is visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions. The harvest area is on the north side of STH 60, across the road from the proposed nonmetallic mining site.

Dorscheid made a motion, seconded by Leys, to approve issuance of a timber harvest permit with standard conditions. The standard conditions for a timber harvest permit include:

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The Budget Committee report was presented by Chair Cary who reviewed the status of the FY 15 budget.

The Personnel Committee report (part B) was given by Chair Moore who said the annual performance evaluation for the Executive Director would be conducted before the next board meeting. She requested the evaluation forms be returned to her by regular mail or e-mail.

Madison assumed the Chair position with Greenwood's departure. Cupp gave the Executive Director's report and noted river flow had been well above normal levels for this time of year based on the 100-year average. Cupp said a winter solstice observance will occur at Frank's Hill on Sunday, December 21st.

Under board members' business, Leys noted ospreys have been hanging around Prairie du Chien. Dave Martin noted mergansers have been seen on the Wisconsin River. He encouraged people to watch the "Wisconsin from the Air" program on public television.

There was no report from DNR.

Under public comment, Timm Zumm, President of the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW) said the next FLOW board meeting would be December 17th. He noted the FLOW annual meeting will be held on January 24, 2015, in Plain.

Ellen Brooks and Rob Horwich with the Crawford Stewardship Project thanked the board for efforts to pass legislation regarding nonmetallic mining in the Riverway.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martin, seconded by Ritchie Brown. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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