

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2016, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at the Kratochwill Memorial Building in Muscodia 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 Dave Martin and Ron Leys. 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 Fred Madison. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016, meeting was made by Madison, seconded by Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chairman Greenwood. The guest speaker for the meeting was Mark Guthmiller, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Health Specialist. Guthmiller provided an update regarding the status of Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin noting the pest is moving along the Mississippi River corridor. He gave updates on Gypsy Moth and other forest health issues as well.

Correspondence was discussed. Cupp said an annual report from Pattison Sand Company report had been received. There has been no mining in the Riverway thus far. He said the DNR Riverway Master Plan Draft had been released and noted the deadline for public comments in April 8th. Cupp suggested LWSRB members submit comments to him by March 24th after which time the Executive Committee will meet to finalize the board's position on the draft plan. A motion to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full board in submitting comments was made by Madison, seconded by Arimond. **MOTION CARRIED.** Greenwood noted the document is a fine primer on the many attributes of the Riverway. Greenwood said there will be two public information meetings; one in Boscobel on March 29th and one in Prairie du Sac on March 31st. Cupp said he also was informed that 140 acres of the Mazomanie Wildlife Unit, including the Mazomanie Beach area, will be closed to the public indefinitely.

An update on the LWSRB strategic planning process was given by Arimond. He said the release of the DNR Draft Riverway Master Plan will help move the process forward. Arimond said he is working to combine several documents together such as the original strategic plan with the biennial report and the draft document that came from the board planning sessions.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. Cupp noted that Eric Rapp will have a controlled burn of the house on his property in the Town of Clyde, Iowa County. He continues work on plans to expand the existing pond and add a small cabin. No applications have yet been filed.

Under other business, Cupp reported he had not issued any permits since the last meeting.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chair Cary who reviewed the FY 16 budget. Cupp noted the new copier and projector had been purchased.

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.

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There was no report from DNR.

During the public comment session, Forest Jahnke discussed activities of the Crawford Stewardship Project. Timm Zumm discussed Friends of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (FLOW) activities. He noted FLOW and the Riverway Alliance of Wisconsin (and others) will meet by conference call to discuss the DNR Draft Master Plan for the Riverway.

A motion to adjourn was made by Madison, seconded by Dorscheid. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Minutes submitted by:

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