

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2016, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at the Muscodia village hall to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Fred Madison. All members were present with the exception of Gigi La Budde. (NOTE: One vacancy exists.) Madison called for a moment of silence in memory of Earl Cupp, Mark Cupp's father, who passed away on July 13th. 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 Ritchie Brown. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016, meeting was made by Ron Leys, seconded by Bob Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.** Cupp then acknowledged LWSRB Office Associate Marsha Curtis and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the board. He noted she continues to be an asset to the board.

The Executive Committee report was presented by Madison. Cupp gave an update on the STH 60 project from Muscodia to Gotham. He said concerns regarding a bat hibernaculum had been addressed. Rock borings will be conducted soon. He will host Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources officials on a voyageur canoe tour of the segment on July 18th.

Cupp said he had contacted the consultant for the proposed Avoca cell tower to request a reduction in height of the tower. The base of the tower is outside the Riverway boundary so the board has no jurisdiction in regard to permit issuance. The consultant indicated the site is "on hold" for now.

Cupp said the voyageur canoe trips have gone well again this year. Most trips have been full with a waiting list. He said the popular program continues to grow with repeat customers and new faces. Cupp said Gigi LaBudde has been appointed by Governor Scott Walker to replace Don Greenwood as the Sauk County representative to the board.

Committee assignments were discussed. Madison said no board members had contacted Cupp or him to request changes in committee assignments. Committee assignments for FY 17 are detailed below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Fred Madison (Chair)
Jerry Dorscheid (Vice-Chair)
Bob Cary (Secretary)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Jerry Dorscheid (Chair)
Ritchie Brown
Ron Leys
Bob Cary (Alternate)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ritchie Brown (Chair)
Dick McFarlane
Gigi La Budde

BUDGET/OFFICE COMMITTEE: Bob Cary (Chair)
Dick McFarlane
Dave Martin

NOTE: The LWSRB Chair also serves as an *ex officio* member of all standing committees.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chair Dorscheid who indicated there were no permit requests for board consideration. Cupp said he is working with several landowners on projects but they are not at the point of permit application submittal. Cupp said he issued one permit since the last meeting. A permit was issued to Doug Jones for modification of a garage in the Town of Marietta, Crawford County. The foundation will be repaired and the garage will be raised eighteen inches.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chair Cary who reviewed the FY 16 budget. Cupp said the FY 16 close out will be presented at the August meeting.

The Personnel Committee report was presented by Chair Brown who noted Cupp had completed the annual performance evaluation for Curtis. She received ratings of “exceeds expectations” or “satisfactory” in all categories of job duties. Cupp recommended the board seek additional compensation for Curtis. Brown said evaluation forms for Cupp’s performance as Executive Director are in the board members’ packets and have been distributed electronically. The forms should be returned to him by August 1st.

The Executive Director’s report was presented by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members’ packets. Cupp said Kids Don’t Float kiosks have been approved for Muscoda and Boscobel. Leys noted Prairie du Chien also has installed kiosks. Cupp then reviewed the river flow chart and articles of interest.

The DNR report was given by Matt Seguin, DNR Riverway Property Manager. He said a 3.5 acre parcel in Grant County will be up for sale as surplus land. He said the DNR Riverway Master Plan will be considered by the Natural Resources Board at their August 3rd meeting in Ashland. Information is available at the DNR website. Leys asked if it was legal to hunt turtledoves noting there was a colony in Prairie du Chien. Seguin said he would check into it. Timm Zumm, Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW), asked for information regarding the number of citations issued in the closed area by Mazomanie. Seguin said he didn’t know off hand the number of citations that had been issued for that area. Cupp noted he had met with DNR forestry staff, including Jason Sable, to discuss the Riverway forestry regulations.

During the public comment session, Forest Jahnke, Crawford Stewardship Project (CSP), who said the group is working on a karst survey. Zumm said FLOW will be hosting panel discussions on water quality. FLOW continues to host trips on the river assuring that people have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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

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