

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2017, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, July 13, 2017, 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 Ritchie Brown. (NOTE: One vacancy exists.) 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 Bob Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2017, meeting was made by Ron Leys, seconded by Dick McFarlane. **MOTION CARRIED.** Cupp then acknowledged LWSRB Executive Assistant 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 reported the voyageur replica canoe trips continue through July 18th. Most trips have been at or near capacity with waiting lists. Cupp said the Governor's office has indicated no action on board appointments as of yet. Committee assignments were discussed. Madison said no board members had contacted Cupp or him to request changes in committee assignments. Committee assignments for FY 18 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
Steve Williamson (Alternate)

BUDGET/OFFICE COMMITTEE: Bob Cary (Chair)
Dick McFarlane
Steve Williamson

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 discussed three permit extension requests. Joel Fait has requested extensions to a management permit for invasive species control and a timber harvest permit for which the harvest has not been completed. Frank Zillner requested an extension to a timber harvest permit. That harvest also was not completed. The properties are adjacent and are located along CTH C in the Town of Wyoming, Iowa County. Portions of the properties are visible from the Wisconsin River. The consultant is TD Hawkereid. Conditions of the original permits would remain in effect. A motion to extend all three permits for two-year periods was made by Dorscheid, seconded by Gigi LaBudde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cupp reported he had issued a permit to Scott Winkers for a sand pit operation in the Town of Millville, Grant County. The permit previously was under the name Jack Winkers. The operator is Scott Harvey. The sand pit is not visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions. Cupp also approved a roof replacement project for Kelly Jones in the Town of Marietta, Crawford County. He said it is considered a routine maintenance activity so a permit is not required. Cupp noted a new cell tower will be erected in Spring Green. The LWSRB is not involved in a regulatory role because the base of the tower will be within the village limits (outside the Riverway boundary).

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chair Cary who reviewed the FY 17 budget. Cupp said the FY 17 close out likely will be presented at the August meeting. Cupp noted the biennial budget has not been passed by the Legislature so the FY 18 budget will be funded at FY 17 levels until the new biennial budget has been adopted.

The Personnel Committee report was presented by Acting Chair McFarlane who noted Cupp had completed the annual performance evaluation for Curtis. She received ratings of “exceeds expectations” in all categories of job duties. McFarlane said board members had completed the evaluation for Cupp and he had received top grades in all categories. Board members expressed appreciation for Cupp’s commitment to the agency. Williamson made a motion, seconded by LaBudde to indicate Cupp received an “exemplary” rating for his performance as Executive Director based on the evaluation forms completed by board members and reviewed by the Personnel Committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Director’s report was presented by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members’ packets. He thanked Dorscheid and Cary for assisting with the voyageur canoe trips and expressed thanks to FLOW for their help, including Timm Zumm and Ned Hodgson.

There was no DNR report.

During the public comment session, Forest Jahnke of Sustain Rural Wisconsin said the group is working on a CAFO moratorium in Wisconsin. Madison asked for how long. Jahnke said until adequate protections are in place to protect the waters of the state. He asked the board to consider joining the movement for the CAFO moratorium. He noted that Crawford Stewardship Network continues karst research in the area.

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

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