

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2018, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at the Avoca 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 exceptions of Gigi LaBudde and Steve Williamson. (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 Ron Leys, seconded by Bob Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018, meeting was made by Jerry Dorscheid, seconded by Leys. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was given by Madison who asked Cupp to report on correspondence. He noted a proposal to establish a solar farm in Richland County had been presented to the county's zoning committee. Steve Williamson had forwarded information on the project. Cupp said the site is not within the Riverway boundary. Additional meetings are expected in the coming weeks with further details forthcoming.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Dorscheid. Cupp said Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forester Mike Finlay had submitted a request for a timber harvest and management activities on a state owned parcel near Wauzeka. The parcel is part of the Kickapoo Wildlife Area. Upon review of maps showing the incorporated limits of the Village of Wauzeka, a determination was made that the site is within the village limits and, therefore, no LWSRB permit is required. A motion encouraging voluntary compliance with the Riverway law was made by Dorscheid, seconded by Cary. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cupp said he had completed a follow up field inspection at the Bob Bennett property in the Town of Clyde, Iowa County, with the assistance of Finlay. The marking of trees slated for harvest was reviewed. Cupp reported a small clearcut area will have to be removed and treated as a selective harvest area because it is within the Bluff Zone. The landowner was amenable to making the change. Cupp said he had issued two general permits for a timber harvests on lands not visible from the river. A permit was issued to Danny Miles and Sarah Stroik for a parcel in the Town of Buena Vista, Richland County. A permit was issued to Denise Wachter for a parcel in the Town of Millville, Grant County.

There was no report from the Personnel Committee.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chair Cary who reviewed the FY 19 budget.

The Executive Director's report was presented by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members' packets. He said the second Lower Wisconsin Riverway Symposium hosted by FLOW in Sauk City was a success. He noted river flow has been unusually high with some records being set.

The DNR report was given by Matt Sequin, DNR Riverway Property Manager, who reviewed activities undertaken by DNR. Much effort was committed to addressing flood damage. The road at the Woodman Sands SNA has been closed. Staff is looking at a solar energy source of power for the Black Hawk Unit and is working with local officials on trails in the Mazomanie and Sauk City area. Dorscheid asked if the Mazomanie Unit day use area development is underway. Sequin said the project has been delayed until a contractor can be secured.

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During the public comment session, Crawford Stewardship Project (CSP) activities were noted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leys, seconded by Dorcheid. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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