

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2019, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the Muscodia Kratochwill Building to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Dorscheid. All members were present with the exceptions of Steve Williamson, Randy Poelma and 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 Dick McFarlane, seconded by Steve Wetter. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019, meeting was made by Wetter, seconded by Gigi LaBudde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chairman Dorscheid. Cupp introduced Mike Hillstrom, DNR Forest Health Specialist, who gave a presentation regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Cupp then reviewed correspondence from the Driftless Rivers National Park Foundation offering congratulations on the Riverway 30th anniversary. He also noted a congratulatory letter was received from Bob Lang of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. Cupp said he attended a meeting regarding the proposed recreational bridge at Sauk City in association with the Great Sauk Trail. He said the proposed bridge would cost between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

The 2020 meeting scheduled was presented. A motion to approve was made by LaBudde, seconded by Ron Leys. **MOTION CARRIED.** All meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. Meeting dates and locations include the following:

January 9, 2020	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
February 13, 2020	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
March 12, 2020	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
April 9, 2020	Prairie du Sac	Ruth Culver Community Library
May 14, 2020	Boscobel	City Hall
June 11, 2020	Mazomanie	Black Hawk Unit (Rhinelander Cabin)
July 9, 2020	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
August 13, 2020	Prairie du Chien	Memorial Library
September 10, 2020	Spring Green	Public Library
October 8, 2020	Wauzeka	Village Hall
November 12, 2020	Avoca	Village Hall
December 10, 2020	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chairman Leys. The permit request of Jeff Neuheisel, Town of Spring Green Sauk County was considered. A field inspection has been conducted by Mark E. Cupp, Executive Director, in conjunction with previous permit activity at the site. A follow-up field inspection will be required to delineate the Bluff Zone and review the location of one of the small regeneration cuts. Plans call for small regeneration cuts and selective harvesting in the Bluff Zone and Resource Management Zone. A new road may be constructed. The harvest will occur when the ground is frozen or dry and the leaves are off the deciduous trees. No structures become visible as a result of the activity. A motion to approve issuance of a timber permit with the following standard conditions was made by Leys, seconded by Wetter:

- 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 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.

Cupp said the American Transmission Line (ATC) reconstruction of the Boscobel to Lone Rock 69kv line was near completion. He said approval was granted to DNR to open an access road to the Hallock Demonstration Forest in the Town of Millville, Grant County. The road is not visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions. Cupp said the Iowa County Highway Department will be doing right of way cutting along CTH C between Hwys. 23 & 14. There were no permits issued by Executive Director since the last meeting.

The Budget & Office Committee report was presented by Chair McFarlane who reviewed the status of the FY 20 budget.

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.

Under board members' business, Leys discussed canoe landing signage and renowned sculptor Florence Bird.

The DNR report was presented by Jesse Kellogg, DNR Riverway Property Manager, who noted 14.56 acres of the Kevin Isenring estate had been purchased to be part of the Black Hawk Unit in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County. Mike Finlay, DNR Forest Supervisor, said the harvest continues at the Knapp Creek Unit. The harvest at Dittman Hill near Wauzeka has been completed.

During the public comment session, Mark Storti, Iowa County Board Supervisor, discussed issues with the high water table and the adverse effects at the Tri-County Airport near Lone Rock. Timm Zumm, FLOW President, said there will be a workday at the Blue River Barrens on December 18th. The FLOW annual meeting will be held on January 25, 2020, at Grandma Mary's in Arena.

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

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