

# LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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## MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2022, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers in Boscobel to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Gerald Dorscheid. All members were present with the exceptions of Steve Williamson and Lara Czajkowski Higgins. (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 Steve Wetter, seconded by Gigi LaBudde. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting was made by LaBudde, seconded by Meredith Beckman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chair Dorscheid. Cupp said Governor Evers' office indicated the vetting process for new LWSRB nominees continues. Action on appointments to the Iowa and Richland slots, as well as the re-appointments of Ritchie Brown and Randy Poelma to at-large positions, should be finalized in the coming weeks. Cupp said election of officers for the upcoming fiscal year will occur at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cupp said the deadline for submittal of bids for the replacement of the STH 130 bridge at Lone Rock was May 12<sup>th</sup>. An announcement regarding the firm awarded the project is expected in early June.

The Operations Committee report was presented by Chair Wetter. The permit extension requests from Steven & Mary Peterzak were considered. A field inspection was conducted by Cupp on January 21, 2015. Mr. and Mrs. Peterzak were present for the field inspection. A field inspection also was conducted by the Operations Committee and Cupp on February 12, 2015. An additional field inspection was conducted by Cupp on June 2, 2015. The Operations Committee again visited the site on June 11, 2015.

Plans call for construction of a new house and garage at an undeveloped lot on High Bank Lane. There is development on both sides of the lot (seasonal residences). The applicant has provided diagrams and an architectural model of the structure. The house will be ranch style with the garage attached by a breezeway. The exterior color will be sandy brown, and the roof color will be a darker brown. Final approval of the colorization will be required. There will be a limited amount of glass or other reflective material. Adequate screening vegetation exists at the site.

Cupp met with Mr. and Mrs. Peterzak on May 5, 2017. The plans for the house have changed and the structure will now be smaller. (From 1700 sq. ft. to 1530 sq. ft.) Colorization will remain the same. The windows facing the river will be covered by a screened porch. The Operations Committee visited the site prior to the board meeting on May 11, 2017. Cupp explained the project had been delayed due to problems with a driveway permit and access. The legal issues have been addressed and the Peterzak project is ready to move forward. Cupp recommended issuance of a one-year extension for the structure permit with retention of the following conditions:

- The existing screening vegetation shall be maintained and replaced if damaged or destroyed;
- The height of the structure shall be limited so that the structure does not become visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions and shall not exceed 20 feet;

- The exterior colorization of the structure, including roof color, shall harmonize with the natural surroundings during leaf-on conditions and shall be reviewed for compliance with the Riverway regulations and approved prior to initiation on construction;
- There shall be a limited amount of glass or other reflective material;
- The LWSRB shall review any modifications to the plans, as submitted, for compliance with the applicable performance standards;
- The landowner or his/her agent shall notify the LWSRB upon completion of the project; and,
- The activity shall comply with all other federal, state and local regulations.

A motion to approve issuance of an extension for one year was made by Randy Poelma, seconded by LaBudde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The board then considered a request for an extension to a management permit for Steven and Mary Peterzak at the same location as the house in the Town of Spring Green, Sauk County. Cupp said there will be some brush and invasive species removal as part of an ongoing project. Cupp recommended issuance of a two-year extension for the management permit with retention of the following conditions:

- The activity shall not result in an existing structure becoming visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions;
- The LWSRB shall approve any modifications to the plans as submitted; and,
- The applicant or his/her agent shall notify the LWSRB upon initiation and completion of the project.

A motion to approve issuance of an extension was made by LaBudde, seconded by Beckman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The permit request of Mike Finlay on behalf of DNR for a timber harvest on the former Tenney tract in the Town of Orion, Richland County, was discussed. Finlay said he, Trevor Hamdorf and Rebecca Vasquez have developed a plan for the site, which is located west of Gotham. Plans call for the use of patch clear cuts in the Riverview Zone and Resource Management Zone and thinning to 60 sq. ft. BA in the Bluff Zone. The objective is to recruit natural regeneration augmented with supplemental plantings. Additional TSI work will occur in the future. A recorded archeological site will be protected.

Cupp recommended issuance of a permit for the activity with the following standard conditions:

- 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.

A motion to approve issuance of a permit with conditions for a two-year period was made by Poelma, seconded by LaBudde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cupp reported on the use of aerial photographs with the Riverway boundary overlay as an example of technology in action to assist with determining LWSRB jurisdiction and permit requirements. The site on Williams Road in the Troy, Sauk County, involved a proposed new house. The field inspection revealed the site is not visible from the river and the further use of the photo/overlay showed the site was just outside the formal Riverway boundary. No permit required from the LWSRB. Cupp then reviewed two railroad bridge projects in Crawford County, neither is visible from the river.

The Budget Committee reported was given by Acting Chair Beckman who reviewed the status of the FY 22 budget. Cupp said the initial paperwork required for the base budget review for 2023-2025 biennial budget had been completed. The budget request for the LWSRB will be submitted by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Under Personnel Committee business, Cupp noted an Equity and Inclusion policy had been submitted to the Department of Administration with the help of DNR HR staff. The policy was approved.

The Executive Director's report was given by Cupp who reviewed the materials in the board members' packets.

Under board members' business, LaBudde said an event would be held in Sauk City to celebrate the completed refurbishing of Park Hall. The event is slated for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The DNR report was presented by Finlay who responded to a question regarding forestry staff in the Riverway. He reviewed the public lands forestry team and the private lands forestry team organization.

During the public comment session, the Crawford Stewardship Project representative at the meeting said the Roth Hog Farm CAFO permit application had been approved by DNR. Timm Zumm of FLOW said it was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Flo the Paddlefish, the organization's mascot. He said a tour of the Spring Green Preserve would be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Zumm said the Savanna Institute has been planting trees near his home.

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

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