

# LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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## MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2022, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the Wendell & Vi Smith Shelter in Muscodia to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Gigi La Budde. All members were present with the exceptions of Ritchie Brown, Lara Czajkowski and Kim Cates. (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 Dan Hillberry, seconded by Meredith Beckman. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting was made by Steve Wetter, seconded by Hillberry. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Chair La Budde. Correspondence was discussed. Cupp said he was hopeful a gentleman from Vernon County would be willing to apply for the vacant “at-large” board slot. Additional contact is expected in August. Interim Committee appointments were reviewed. A motion to approve the proposed committee appointments was made by Wetter, seconded by Hillberry. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Gigi La Budde (Chair)  
Steve Wetter (Vice-Chair)  
Randy Poelma (Secretary)

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Steve Wetter (Chair)  
Randy Poelma  
Dan Hillberry  
Kim Cates (Alternate)

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Ritchie Brown (Chair)  
Lara Czajkowski Higgins  
Meredith Beckman  
Randy Poelma (Alternate)

**BUDGET & OFFICE COMMITTEE:** Meredith Beckman (Chair)  
Lara Czajkowski Higgins  
Kim Cates  
Ritchie Brown (Alternate)

Cupp reported the voyageur canoe trip season had been completed with the final trip earlier in the day. All trips used both boats except for the trip on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which was a single boat. Cupp said the office is displaying a certificate received from the Secretary General of the Ramsar Conventions formally designating Riverway wetlands as Wetlands of International Importance. Cupp said the new map for the Riverway being developed by a UW-Madison student, Christina Dennis, and her professor, Dr. William Gartner, is nearing completion. Open houses will be held in the coming weeks. The Lone Rock bridge replacement project (STH 130) will be the subject of a presentation at the September 8<sup>th</sup> LWSRB meeting in Spring Green.

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The Operations Committee report was presented by Chair Wetter who noted there were no permits for consideration and no permits had been issued by the Executive Director since the last meeting.

The Budget Committee reported was given by Chair Beckman who reviewed the status of the FY 22 budget. A final report on the FY 22 close-out is expected in August.

There was no report from the Personnel Committee.

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

Under board members' business, La Budde noted she will not attend the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cupp added that Kim Cates also indicated she will be unable to attend.

The DNR report was presented by DNR Riverway Manager Jesse Kellogg who said work on refurbishing the Ferry Bluff trail continues with a completion date in August expected. He said there is a problem with vandalism of portable toilets at the Mazomanie Dog Trial Grounds and asked that anyone with information on the issue contact him.

During the public comment session, Barb Jenkins and Eric Marquette asked if the former Mazo Beach would be open to the public anytime soon. Kellogg said no specific date has been set. Jenkins asked if the DNR would be developing primitive camp sites in the Riverway, outside of the traditional sandbar camping. She expressed concern with adverse impacts on private property. Kellogg said there are no immediate plans to develop camp sites.

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

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