

# LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2022, RIVERWAY BOARD MEETING

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met on Thursday, August 11, 2022, and was conducted by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Steve Wetter. All members were present with the exceptions of Gigi La Budde, 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 Randy Poelma, seconded by Meredith Beckman. **MOTION CARRIED.** A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting was made by Dan Hillberry, seconded by Beckman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee report was presented by Wetter. Correspondence was discussed. Cupp said the new Riverway map being developed by a UW-Madison student would be available for review at the September 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. He said a group is working on development of a water trail for the upper reaches of the Wisconsin River. He will speak to the group at a meeting in Wausau in September. Cupp said 120 people were served by the voyageur canoe trips.

There were no permit requests under Operations Committee report. Cupp said he had met with a landowner in the Town of Orion, Richland County, regarding Riverway regulations. He conducted a field inspection at a property in the Town of Spring Green, Sauk County, and approved tree trimming to address a problem with Wi-Fi reception at the residence. Cupp said he had received a permit application for a timber harvest in the Town of Bridgeport, Crawford County, and was working with a consultant on a proposed harvest in the Town of Troy, Sauk County. Cupp said he issued a permit to Richland Grant Telephone Cooperative for burial of fiber optic cable adjacent to the CTH T bridge between Richland and Grant counties near Blue River.

The Budget Committee report was given by Chair Beckman who reviewed the close-out of the FY 22 budget and the status of the FY 23 budget.

The Personnel Committee report was presented by Cupp who said the board's report on equity and inclusivity initiatives had been approved.

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

Under board members' business, Ritchie Brown said he had requested a formal designation of Wisconsin effigy mound sites through the federal government and the Effigy Mounds National Monument.

The DNR report was presented by DNR Riverway Forestry Team Leader Mike Finlay who reviewed ongoing activities in the project area.

During the public comment session, Timm Zumm, President of the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW) said there is a volunteer workday at the Blue River Sand Barrens State

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Natural Area on August 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a contest to name a lake in the Town of Mazomanie. Messaging continues to emphasize river safety and the need to wear a personal floatation device.

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

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