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## Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2022- 1:00 PM

Mukwonago Village Hall; 440 River Crest Ct; Mukwonago, WI 53149

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<b>Commissioners and (alternates)</b>		
<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended (yes/no, by phone)</b>
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	Yes
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Yes
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	Yes
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>
Mark Jenks	Kenosha
Grant Horn	WWMD
Greg Horeth	WWMD
Mark O'Leary	Foth and RES

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held February 18, 2022.
  - a. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the minutes
  - b. Donny Hefty made a second to accept the minutes
  - c. Jim Pindel and Bill Hopkins abstained as they were absent from the previous meeting
  - d. Motion passed
6. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
  - a. Jim Pindel- We received an invoice for the salt workshop. We received a previous bill in October and paid it in November. We have received a second invoice.
    - i. Alan Barrows will follow up with Jayne Jenks.
  - b. Jim Pindel- talked to Tom Day at the Summit. Eagle Spring never completed the work. We can take the 190.00 off of the budget.
  - c. Reimburse commissioners for the Summit registration fee, submit information if you need the refund.
  - d. Alan Barrows, questions to the DNR about the funding for the RES project. There has been no progress moving forward.
  - e. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report
  - f. Larry Long made a second to accept the Treasurer's Report
  - g. Motion passed

#### Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski.
  - a. The hybrid meeting worked okay. They are working to post the recordings for those unable to attend.
  - b. DNR secretary gave great support for our work in the watershed. Hopefully it acquired more stakeholders.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
  - a. Still working on obtaining two additional grants. Parks group has applied for stewardship funds. Still working on permitting with DNR
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Chad Sampson
  - a. Permitting is done
  - b. Waiting until Aug 1- for the threatened and endangered species

#### New Business

10. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
  - a. Jim Pindel- provided our tax ID information to Erin Delawalla. Gave approval for a DUNS number.
  - b. Tom Slawski- Restructured so that the application will be

applied for under SEWFRC's name. We are in the process of creating our account. We can still apply without the government ID. (sam.gov)

- c. Greg Horeth of WWMD- we need to have a recognized address. Are all the entities required to have government id accounts.
  - i. Mark O'Leary- we are unsure of the answer.
- d. Donny Hefty- City of Burlington was able to push a letter of support through the common council at their most recent meeting.
- e. Mark O'Leary- we are at 11.4 million in partner matches. We are asking for 2.6 million. 3 to 1 is the recommended match.
  - i. We are hoping to submit on Monday 4/11. The deadline is on Wednesday 4/13.
- f. All of our projects that we are asking for, must be related back to our goals.
- g. Having our name on the application is a better message. This is a groundbreaking application, so hopefully, we are showing leadership and capacity in the watershed.
- h. Next step will be Foth and RES sharing upcoming grants with the commission for us to determine what we would like to pursue.
- i. Chad Sampson recommended a few other contacts at the county level to reach out to for further support. We should create a list of further contacts on who Foth and RES can reach out to for further support.
- j. The funding would pay for us to pay Foth and RES to execute the administrative aspect of the work.
- k. This grant cannot be used on the mainstream of the Fox.
- l. Comments on the grant application should be delivered to Foth and RES before Monday.
- m. You have to be able to spend the money that you receive. It has been recommended that you start small and demonstrate success. Then you can acquire more funds in the future.
- n. Foth and Res is tracking projects in GIS. They can upload the different community projects into their system, so we can be able to track.

11. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Chad Sampson

- a. Permitted and the land owners are ready to go. August or September will be the timeline due to threatened and endangered animals.

12. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. No Update

13. WWMD Grant request proposal-Grant Horn

- a. Apologizes for the timeline of the project, they appreciate any help that we can offer.
- b. Review Project Criteria : Passed with 47 points
- c. Wayne Jenson reported, we only have approximately \$6, 000 available. We had said we would not approve funds we do not have.
- d. Greg Horeth shared their timeline is challenging because they have deadlines.
- e. Jim Pindel will follow-up on our next ENUM delivery date.
- f. Greg Horeth shared, WWMD would be able to accept a timeline of payments to account for our ENUM schedule.
- g. They are hoping for \$50,000.
- h. Alan Barrows- First page of the budget report, we do have \$22,000 in non-grant funds as a safety net.
- i. Jim Pindel- motion that we will fund \$50,000 from our next Enumeration.
- j. Bill Hopkins made a second that we will fund \$50,000 from our next Enumeration.
- k. Motion Passes

#### Reports and Updates

14. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
  - a. No update
15. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
  - a. There was an update at the Summit. They are moving forward with some great projects.
16. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
  - a. Hired a consultant and created a steering committee. It will go to referendum in November.
17. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
  - a. No update
18. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
  - a. Have mapped all of the flooded structures in the watershed. Still accumulating all the dam information.
  - b. Will be having their next meeting in May.
19. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
  - a. Case Eagle Park- they have several demonstration plots. Their field day will be in September. The demonstration plots show soil health practices. Their goal is to show return on investment.
  - b. Will be presenting to the county board in May.
20. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
  - a. No update

#### Correspondence

21. 3-15-22 Erin Delawalla attached video minutes of the SEWFRC

- Municipal and County Shareholders Meeting.
22. 3-31-22 Chad Sampson emailed with project presentations for our May meeting. The Solberg Slope Stabilization and the Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization Projects.
  23. 3-31-22 Kelly DuCoeur from Ruekert & Mielke emailed inquiring about funding timelines and cost caps.
  24. 3-31-22 Jim Pindel emailed with a follow up invoice from Jayne Jenks on the salt workshop- see above minutes for update.
  25. 4-4-22 Greg Horeth- Gathering on Racine County Lake Districts and Associations
    - a. Bryan Young and Greg Horeth would like to create a collaboration with the Racine County Lakes.
    - b. Katelyn Bratz and Chad Sampson will be involved in the correspondence.
    - c. Greg Horeth will give us updates
    - d. There is a similar group in the Lake Country that Alan Barrows works with. It provides great opportunities for funding.
  26. 4-8-22 Alan Barrows- NRCS RCPP letter of support from Waukesha County

#### Miscellaneous Issues

27. Greg Horeth- wanted to share that the Summit was wonderful. Tom Slawski- he has received great feedback on the entire day.
28. Chad Sampson, Mark Jenks, and Milwaukee County. Scott McComb with UW-Sea Grant- training for Clean Boats, Clean Water. If any lake organization wants his information let Chad Sampson know. Funded through the DNR lake monitoring network.
29. Wayne Castle- Village of Mukwonago's Adaptive Management- Working to comply with phosphorus. They recently toured land owners properties who wanted to stabilize his shoreline. They have also looked at several places where potential projects could be, near the ES canoe launch.

There is a drainage ditch along the wastewater plant, there is a chunk of rip rap and then erosion issues after that. Several potential projects in the Mukwonago area.

30. Donny Hefty- Burlington completed the first full year with 680 acres converted to no till acreage 300+ will be converted this year. Working with the SEWRPC plan.
  - a. 400 lbs of phosphorus removed from farm acreage
  - b. 725 lbs of phosphorus removed from leaf collection process.
  - c. Averages were all below .1 mg/L at monitoring sites.
31. Would be interested in having all the adaptive management plans overlaid on our commission boundaries.
32. Next Meeting and Location
  - a. May 13th
  - b. Mukwonago Village Hall
33. Adjournment
  - a. Larry Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- b. Wayne Castle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- c. Motion passes

\* If you have any question about the Agenda, please call Secretary Tom Slawski at (262) 953-3263.