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## Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 22, 2022- 1:00 PM

Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103

<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)	
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	
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Yes
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing Organization</b>
Mark Jenks	Kenosha Co.
Grant Horn	WWMD
Greg Horeth	WWMD

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1. Alan Barrows called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
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 April 8, 2022.
  - a. Larry Long made a motion to approve the minutes
  - b. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passed
6. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
  - a. Jim Pindel reviewed the June treasurer's report for the commission
    - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
    - ii. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
    - iii. Motion passed.

### Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski
  - a. Requesting ideas for speakers and topics for next year's summit
  - b. Waiting for the payments to clear and then he will request reimbursement from the commission.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
  - a. 305 total linear feet of riverbank/shoreline, putting this portion of project out for bid in August for a fall 2022 start.
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Jon Grove
  - a. Ready to move forward, August 1st is the start date due to Threatened & Endangered species deadline date.
  - b. Hope to be completed in August.
10. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration-- Jon Grove
  - a. ready to move forward, August first is the start date.
11. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
  - a. Draft not completed, but will provide to board for review prior to next meeting.

### New Business

12. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
  - i. No update, and we have not been awarded the RCPP grant to our knowledge.

- ii. Tom Slawski noted that he will send request to them asking for updates and he or or Jim Pindel will share those at the next meeting.

13. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. No Update, but requested any volunteers to help with this effort and plan to host work subcommittee meetings to improve progress.

14. Review and Discussion of Project Acceptance Criteria/Funding

- a. **Solberg Slope Stabilization-** Jon Grove
- b. The project scored 42 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
  - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to fund the project for up to \$9,000 (on condition of waitlist funding).
  - ii. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
  - iii. Motion passed.
- c. **Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization-** Jon Grove
- d. This project was decided to be broken up into two separate projects.
- e. The slope stabilization portion of this proposed project scored 42 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
  - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to fund the slope stabilization portion of this project for \$5,600 for funding (on condition of waitlist funding).
  - ii. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
  - iii. Motion passed.
- f. The shoreland stabilization portion of this proposed project scored 39 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
  - i. Jim Pindel made a motion to fund the upland are swale grade stabilization portion of this project for \$5,400 for funding (on condition of waitlist funding).
  - ii. Larry Long seconded the motion.
  - iii. Motion passed.

15. WWMD Project- Grant Horn

- a. Project went out for bid and we did complete dredging project manual to begin in 2023, total 146,000 cubic yards and 8 linear miles of dredging shoreline as well as including connections to bays.

16. Review and discussion of all projects on the Enum- 23 Waitlist

- a. The waitlist grand total of all projects is \$70,000, and includes the WWMD project for \$50,000, Solberg project for \$9,000, and Ogden project for \$11,000.

## Reports and Updates

17. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
  - a. No Update
18. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
  - a. No Update
19. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
  - a. No Update
20. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
  - a. Conducting analysis of dams and other infrastructure.
21. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Jon Grove
  - a. No firm date on upcoming field day workshop to be held in early September.
22. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
  - a. No updates

## Correspondence

1. 5/16/22 Tom Slawski sent an email to the commissioners with the link to the Fox River Watershed Mitigation Planning Team meeting scheduled for May 23rd
2. 5/17/22 Katelyn Bratz forwarded an email to the commissioners for a meeting of Racine County Lakes, interested parties for a meeting on My 23rd.
3. 7/22/22 Small Scale Dredging Delayed Summer 2022 from info@waterfordwwmd.com

## Miscellaneous Issues

23. Jim Pindel provided a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article entitled “State suing over PFAS costs” by Laura Schulte. Jim is concerned that this issue will also be important within our watershed and we may need to be prepared to start funding projects related to PFAS cleanup (forever chemicals) in the future.
24. Next meeting September 23- Tom Slawski will confirm Town of Vernon location.
25. Close Meeting
  - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Jon Grove seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion Passes