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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Meeting Minutes

Friday August 27, 2021 - 1:00 PM

1. Call meeting to order 1:11 pm, pledge of allegiance, roll call and quorum verified.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting held July 30, 2021.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approved the minutes
 - b. Russ Egan seconded the motion
 - i. Jim Pindel abstained
 - ii. motion passes
3. Treasurer's Reports for July 2021
 - a. Alan Barrows-Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive species- \$3,000 is listed
 - i. That is for the current 3 year agreement
 - ii. Need an invoice for 2021
 - iii. Runs through 2022
 - b. Alan Barrows made a motion to approve the treasurers report
 - c. Fred Koeller seconded the motion
 - i. Motion Passes

Old Business

- d. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski.
 - i. UW-Extension could potentially support with organization and topics
 - ii. Foth and Res could make a presentation- Suggested by Jim Pindel
- e. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford dam to Illinois border – Tom Slawski
 - i. no update
- f. John Kojis Farm Field gulley repair project –Jon Grove
 - i. Began work today
- g. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - i. Administrative perspective, when over \$100,000 must go through Capital Budget process. In the budget for 2022. Deck for fishing cost is much higher than proposed. Current estimate is \$300,000. Working on the fiscal aspect of the project.
 - ii. River Commission contribution remains unchanged.
 - iii. Continuing to look for additional funding sources.
- h. Small-Scale Dewatering Test Engineering - WWMD



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- i. Jim Pindel clarified- Engineering is for GRAEF's engineering Test is the dredging and spreading project.
 - ii. Grant Horn has turned in the paperwork for the Engineering Project
 - iii. Project did come in under budget, money may not be transferred to a new project, can only be used for the approved project.
- Grant Horn also shared about an upcoming project.
- iv. Moving this to 2022 due to logistics and dredging restrictions
 - v. working to gather commitments from riparian owners and federal and regional grants
 - vi. Reached out to Foth as well for further resources.

- i. Small-Scale Dewatering Test –WWMD
- j. Zanella Shoreline Restoration project – Jon Grove
 - i. Started on Wednesday
- k. Reidy Shoreline Restoration Project – Jon Grove
 - i. No Updates- Land owner is still working to solicit other bids or modifications to the project.

4. New Business

- a. Review and decide to accept or further modify the Proposed Modifications to the Project Acceptance Criteria for Shoreline Restoration Projects
 - a. Approved at a previous meeting
 - b. Can remove from Agenda
- b. Report on activities of the work being done to obtain Emergency funding from the State of Wisconsin and to obtain Federal Funding utilizing the expertise of Foth and RES. – Whoever attended the meeting on 8/16/21
 - * Vote on signing the revised contract by Foth & RES as discussed at the 8/16/21 meeting.
 - a. Andy Beuhler- provided good information and a stronger understanding of the scope of the project. Feels comfortable with the wording of the projects
 - b. Jim Pindel- the money is coming from an ENUM, which means we need identifiable deliverables for the financial process
 - c. Alan Barrows- Foth and Res will be working on the various projects simultaneously, the categories are mainly caps for the various criteria. They provided more clarification for the milestones.
 - d. How do we understand what they are accomplishing as we go through the process?
 - e. Tom Slawksi- It should be a very interactive process



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- i. Element 3- expanded to include an interactive story map. We need a better way to convey information, not necessarily a report. Something more usable than the report, but this is budget dependent. Want to make sure that we are not paying for something that we will never use.
 - f. Focus at the moment is grant completion.
 - g. Alan Barrows- mapping and data elements for sites and prioritization, we would own the information. We can use the overlays to refine and better utilize the information.
 - h. Alan Barrows- 5B in their scope of work. The administration of the grant funds and dollars, who is administering the grants that could come out of the project. Some grants are administrative heavy and we don't have an administrator. Administrative costs need to be identified in advance, so if it can be allocated from the potential grants. Making sure any hidden costs are identified in advance.
 - i. Motion
 - i. Jim Pindel made a motion to approve the contract.
 - ii. Lee Manthey seconded the motion
 - Discussion it is contingent on that acquisition of the \$200,000.
 - iii. Motion Passes
- c. Establish an email address for the SEWFRC which can be accessed by some or all of us?
 - a. No Update
- d. Should we purchase a mass storage device to transfer and back up our files and data?
 - a. Costco had 1 TB storage device on sale.
 - b. Has been purchased
- e. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project – Jon Grove
 - a. no update
- f. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
 - modifies existing Plan with added addendums?
 - Change fiscal year to Calendar year?
 - Others?
 - a. No Update
- 5. Reports & Updates**
- a. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - i. No Update
 - b. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington –



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- i. Tom Slawski- forwarded the article. Cannot solve the 500 year flood warning. Working for other alternatives.
 - 1. Fred Koeller- No one has had a dam approved that did not meet the 500 year flood stage.
- c. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress –
 - i. Alan Barrows- Monitoring work has already been done. TMDL is in the timeframe for closer to 2023. A lot of work to get all the layers of work to integrate together.
- d. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - i. Jim Pindel- if we need to meet the open meetings law. Agenda needs to be posted 2 weeks in advance.
 - ii. copy Al Sikora on minutes, relay message when the minutes have been approved for posting.
- e. Fox Water Trail
 - i. trying to resurrect going for federal waterway designation and is the ultimate goal
 - ii. initiated with that goal in mind
- f. Request of letter of support-Tom Slawski
 - i. from Jacob Breckler- staff engineer at Kapur
 - ii. We have been working on an application for the WDNR Surface Water Grant (Surface Water Restoration specifically), for a project to remove a concrete seawall lining the Fox River in the City of Burlington directly upstream of the confluence with the White and Fox River. The project area is just to the West of Riverside Park, on Congress St. The current wall is in poor condition, and I have attached pictures to show the existing state. The goal is to remove the existing wall, remove impervious surfaces along the wall, continue the curb and gutter from each end of the impervious surface removed to reduce direct runoff from the roadway, and replace it with either a naturalized or armored shoreline (more than likely an armored shoreline to match in-kind with Riverside Park). Instead, runoff through this stretch will drain to inlets along Congress St, and outflow through storm pipes that currently extend out of the seawall. These pipes will be repaired and adjusted so that they match into the proposed natural area. Additionally, we'll be replanting natural seeding within the critical area between the roadway (approx. 15-feet from the shoreline on the shortest edge of the seawall).
 - iii. Motion to write letter
 - 1. Tom Slawski made the motion to write a letter of support
 - 2. Fred Koeller seconded the motion
 - 3. Motion Passes
 - 4. Tom will send out a draft of the letter once completed.



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6. Correspondence

- a. 8/4/21 Email from Tom Slawski reporting on discussions and actions by the SEWFRC board from the last meeting related to the proposal provided by Foth and RES concerning the \$200,000 grant obtained by Rep. Wichgers.
- b. 8/9/21 Email from Mark O'Leary, RES, with an invitation for a virtual meeting on 8/16 to discuss the \$200,000 grant proposal narrative.
- c. 8/19/21 Tom Slawski forwarded Chad Sampson announcement for the Watershed Protection Committee Field Day on Sept 9, 2021.
- d. 8/23 Treasurer's Report
- e. 8/24 City of Burlington Concrete Removal Project
- f. 8/27 Foth Revised Scope Email
- g. 8/26 Echo Lake Dam Newspaper Article
- h. 8/26 Doug Koeller stepping to alternate
- i. 8/22 Budget Meeting

7. Miscellaneous Issues –

- a. Fred Koeller- The signage on the Waterford Walkway has been well received. Waterway signage is encouraged.
- b. Budget Proposal has been submitted to the papers. We have received 1 proof.
 - i. Kenosha News, Journal Times, Waukesha Freeman
 - ii. Due to be published Oct 1st.
- c. Next Meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, 1 pm.

8. Close Meeting.

- a. Fred Koeller made the motion to adjourn the meeting
- b. Alan Barrows seconded the motion
- c. Motion Passes