

**Commission members present:**

Dean Falkner (Village of Mukwonago) (Chairman)  
Katelyn Bratz (Town of Mukwonago) (Vice-Chairperson)  
Alan Barrows (Waukesha County)  
Chad Sampson (Racine County)  
Jeff Lang (Town of Burlington)  
Fred Koeller (Village of Waterford)  
Maria Pandazi (City of Waukesha)  
Donny Hefty (City of Burlington)  
Andy Buehler (Kenosha County)  
Andrew Lois (Town of Wheatland)  
Wayne Jensen (Village of Rochester)  
Bob Bartholomew (Town of Vernon)  
Rachel Sabre (Wisconsin DNR)  
Jim Pindel (Town of Waterford) (Secretary/Treasurer)

**Commission members absent:**

Ken Miller (Town of Waukesha)  
Michelle Clark (Village of Big Bend)  
Tom Slawski (SEWRPC)

**Also present:** Dan Treloar of Kenosha County.

1. At 1:04 PM, Chairman Dean Falkner called the SEWFRC meeting to order.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.
3. **Minutes** The minutes from the September 7, 2018 meeting were reviewed. It was motioned by Fred Koeller that the minutes be approved and the motion was seconded by Andy Buehler. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer Reports** – Jim Pindel reviewed the September 2018 treasurer's reports. We started the month with \$39,909.98 in our Money Market Account. We made one deposit of \$4,635.11 which was the final payment from ENUM-19. We received \$14.09 in interest bringing our Money Market account to a balance of \$44,559.18. The change to the non-grant funds was the \$14.09 in interest resulting in the net non-grant funds available being \$40,800.38. There were no changes to the grant fund page. During the treasurer's report Jim Pindel jumped ahead to the correspondence and read the statement "In an email from Sara DeBruijn, she explaining that the AB911 funds will flow through RBF-EMUMs because this vehicle exists which can be used to appropriate funds for us and document how the funds were used. Even though the funds come through RBF (Recreational Boating Facility) we are not required to meet RBF requirements, only our Implementation Plan requirements. Alan Barrows explained for the benefit of the two new commissioners present that our funding in the past came

through the RBF and so we had to abide by their requirements, like funds can only be used for motor boat launches and not for canoe or kayak launches, because the RBF funds are derived for the gasoline tax on gas used by motor boats and canoes and kayaks don't pay for gas, so they cannot be supported. Dean Falkner pointed out that another advantage of the new AB911 funding eliminates the time constraint on how long we have to spend the money. Jim Pindel added that because we are using RBF-ENUM procedures there are set time limits but Sara DeBruijn said that she will extend the grant period whenever we need it, so this shouldn't be an issue. Dean Falkner said that now that we have grant funds available the three counties should start applying for funding. Dean went on to say that in the case of Kenosha County, with our cooperative agreement with the Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) of Illinois, they(we) should be able to apply for federal grant funds for projects. Dan Treloar then said that he and Andy Buehler and Andrew Lois have been discussing a project to be called the Wheatland Fox River Park Streambank Stabilization Project where the Fox River is cutting away the bank on a curve of the river. Dan said this is actually a safety concern because the bank drops off so steeply and so many children play in this park. The park is on land that is owned by the Town of Wheatland and the stretch that needs repair is about 175' to about 200' long. Dan asked if a presentation on the project could be put on the agenda for our next meeting and that he would forward the presentation to Jim Pindel in advance of our next meeting, so Jim can distribute it to all the commissioners beforehand. Jim Pindel said he would put it on the agenda for November under new business. It was motioned by Alan Barrows that the treasurer's report be approved and seconded by Donny Hefty. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- a) Fox River Partnership 2019 Summit: Tom Slawski was not present. Jim Pindel said that he brought the final payment for the 2018 Summit with him to give to Tom, but now he will have to mail it to Tom. Chad Sampson added that he and Tom had been contacting Ray Archeluta about possibly doing a presentation at the 2019 Summit, but it turned out to be too expensive. Chad did say that they are now pursuing one of Ray Archeluta's students, who might do a presentation that we can afford.
- b) Mukwonago River shoreline restoration at WE Energies Site. Alan Barrows said that this was a 150' long shoreline restoration project along the Mukwonago River. He said that the final invoice came in last Monday and Jim Pindel forwarded it to him. Alan said that he has not had an opportunity to visit the site and do his final walk through. Once this is done, Alan will advise Jim to pay the invoice to Applied Ecological Services.
- c) ESR Project disposal sites environmental impact: No one from the WWMD was present. Jim Pindel reported that at the last WWMD annual meeting a motion was made to stop funding the dredging project and divert those funds

to the weed control. The motion was defeated by a vote of 87 to 137. Due to the fact that some of the frustration with the dredging project is the fact that it has gone on so long with no end in sight. To address this frustration the following time line was put together. The Land Spreading Work Plan (Pilot Study) has to be submitted to the WDNR by 10/9/18 by Graef, the plan was submitted on 10/8/18. The preliminary review by the WDNR has to be completed by 10/18/18, which is in process. Conditional approval of the plan has to be made by 10/25/18 listing out all the conditions for approval. And finally on 10/27/18 the WWMD board needs to decide to either go ahead with the project or scrap the 10 years of work that has gone into it. Dean Falkner asked if these discussions considered the effectiveness of the drawdown on Little Muskego Lake. Jim said that he had asked Rachel Sabre to find out about how successful the drawdown was on Little Muskego Lake. Rachel said that she talked to Heidi Bunk the lakes biologist who worked with the local invasive species expert. Rachel said that they have entered all the data and are now working on mapping of the project and there are no results at this time to report. Rachel said that the report is expected to be completed by the end of November or early December. Jim Pindel asked if they were just concerned with the starry stone wort or were they checking on the affect the drawdown had on other aquatic plants. Rachel said she did not know what all they were inventorying.

- d) Schuetze Playground Storm Water Abatement: - Jim Pindel said that in an email he received from Sara DeBruijn this week, she said she was going to work on this project this week and expected to get it finished.
- e) Mukwonago Park Shoreline Restoration – Alan Barrows said that as he entered the room Jim Pindel handed him a check for final payment for the project. Alan said we should remove this project from the agenda. Alan again promoted the use of the native vegetation mats, he said they really work well and look great. Dean Falkner pointed out that the geese have moved away and Alan said that they have moved to new locations not on the waters edge. Dean then asked how much phosphorus and nitrogen is contained in the goose feces. No one was able to address this question and Dean concluded that it must be a lot.
- f) Village of Waterford East Shore river bank Restoration: - Fred Koeller likewise said that Jim Pindel handed him a check for the amount due for this project, just before the meeting started. This project likewise will be taken off the agenda.
- g) SEWRPC Survey for Waterford Dam to the Illinois Border – Tom Slawski was not present. Donny Hefty said that he has had some email contact with Tom over the last month and Tom had asked for permission to park on some City of Burlington land. Donny said that he knew Tom was involved in

sampling some mussel species in the river.

- h) **Birch Lane Shoreline Protection Project:** Chad Sampson said that all the rain events lately have put off the start of the project. Chad still expects to get the project done this fall as soon as it stops raining. Chad later said that the cost of the project had originally been estimated at \$26,654.50 and he asked the commission for \$10,000 toward the project. Now Chad said he needs \$18,000 which amounts to an \$8,000 increase. Chad said that the other grant funds he was working with have run out of funds. Chad Sampson made a motion to increase our participation in the project from \$10,000 to \$18,000 the motion was seconded by Jeff Lang and the motion carried unanimously. Dan Treloar asked what percent of the overall project the commission was contributing and Chad said it was 67%.
- i) **VoW Riverside Dr. Launch** – Fred Koeller. Fred said that the project is in the queue and they are waiting for the consultants from Madison to come out and evaluate the situation.

#### **New Business**

- a) **Consideration of developing a USEPA 9-Key Elements Watershed Management Plan** – Dean Falkner said that they finally have all the data they need to discuss. Dean said he will be surveying the members of the subcommittee to see when they can get together and make decisions on what areas to work on and when to start. Dean asked Alan Barrows if a .pdf file of his GIS data could be made and if it would be helpful. Alan said that he could do it but because he was out of the office this last week, he didn't have a chance to look into it in detail. Dean said that he is trying to get all the pertinent information together for the subcommittee including all sources on non-point source pollution, phosphorus concentrations and soil maps he hoped that Tom Slawski could provide so the subcommittee could make an informed decision on what areas to concentrate on and where to get started.
- b) **Recycling of Nutrient Rich Sediment within the Fox River Watershed:** Jim Pindel said that this item has already been covered when we discussed the Land Spreading Work Plan that Graef Engineering prepared for the WWMD. This item will be removed from future agendas.

#### **Reports and Updates**

- a) **Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) of Illinois** – Nether Jeff Lang or Dean Falkner attended the FWA's last meeting. Dean did point out that the FWA is willing to support projects along the Fox River in Wisconsin. This support would be in the form of letters of support when trying to get federal funding but certainly not actual money. Rachel Sabre pointed out that one of the categories the EPA looks at for 319 funding is interstate participation across state borders. Rachel said she thought that this was one of the higher priority

categories for granting funding.

- b) Possible diversion of City of Waukesha water treatment plant discharge away from the Fox River: Jeff Lang said that he talked to someone named Dave from SEWRPC at a seminar held at the Village of Waterford. And Dave told Jeff that all he hears is dead silence. Rachel Sabre said that she is one of the resource managers that review data for this project. She said she was asked to review the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was generated a couple years ago to make sure it was still up to date. Rachel said that she has until next Wednesday to update the EIS with any additional data that has surfaces in the last two years.
- c) Progress toward designation as a “National Water Trail” – Village of Waterford. Fred Koeller said that since the report Barbara Messick made at our last meeting there has been no new news. He said he is waiting for the next meeting to be scheduled.
- d) SEWFRC Website – No one had anything to report but Alan Barrows pointed out that as projects finish up, as several have recently, the sponsors should send before and after pictures to Al Sikora to be added to our website. Jeff Lang asked if the SEWFRC signs were being provided for all the completed projects and for how long should the signs be posted. Alan Barrows said he has quite of few signs in two different sizes available. No comments were made on how long the signs should be kept up, so it looks like it is up to the discretion of the project sponsor how long the signs stay up.

#### Correspondence –

- a. 9/11/18 Email from Jim Pindel – Mark your calendars for today’s meeting.
- b. 10/1/18 Email from Jim Pindel on 9/27/18 to Mike Havey of Rep. Chuck Wichgers office asking for a meeting to find out how to get our AB911 funds.
- c. 10/3/18 Forward of an email from Sara DeBruijn explaining that the AB911 funds will flow through RBF-EMUMs because this vehicle exists which can be used to appropriate funds for us and document how the funds were used. Even though the funds come through RBF (Recreational Boating Facility) we are not required to meet RBF requirements, only our Implementation Plan requirements.

Miscellaneous Issues – There were no miscellaneous issues.

It was motioned by Jeff Lang and seconded by Andy Buehler that the meeting be closed. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Closed at 1:40 PM

**THE NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING WILL BE Friday**

**November 9, 2018 at 1:00 PM.** (Meeting Location: Burlington  
Department of Public Works 2200 S. Pine Street, Burlington, WI.