

**Commission members present:**

Al Sikora (Village of Waterford) (Chairman)  
Don Scott (Town of Vernon) (Vice-Chairman)  
Randy Craig (Town of Vernon)  
Randy Meier (Town of Waterford)  
Chad Sampson (Racine County)  
Francis Stadler (Village of Big Bend)  
Ron Peterson (Village of Big Bend)  
Alan Barrows (Waukesha County)  
Dean Falkner (Village of Mukwonago)  
Jim D'Antuono (Wisconsin DNR)  
Jeff Thornton (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)  
Shelley Tessmer (Town of Waterford)  
Mary Pindel (Town of Waterford – Alternate)  
Jim Pindel (Town of Waterford) (Secretary/Treasurer)

**Commission members absent:**

Doug Koehler (City of Waukesha)  
Barb Holtz (Town of Mukwonago)

Also present: Dan Treloar from Kenosha County, Jim Ritchie WDNR, Tom Slawski SEWRPC, and Paul Kling WWMD.

At 1:00 PM, 12/02/11, Chairman Al Sikora called the Commission Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

**Minutes** The minutes from the October 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed. It was motioned by Alan Barrows and seconded by Randy Meier that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Reports** – The Treasurer's Report for October 2011 was reviewed. In summary we started with \$58,159.40 in our money market account. Checks were cashed by the Friends of the Vernon Marsh and Ducks Unlimited reducing our cash on hand by \$27,394.24. Jim Pindel passed out copies of the November 2011 Treasurer Report which only indicated the addition of the monthly interest of \$13.37 to the account. Jim Pindel also pointed out that sheet 2 of the report tracked the progress of ENUM-16 and now that ENUM-16 is officially closed and there can no longer be any activity regarding it, this section will be removed from the treasurer report. Next July when we get our next EMUM we will have a similar section tracking it. Shelley Tessmer motioned that the Treasurers Report be approved and the motion was seconded by Francis Stadler. The motion carried unanimously.

At this point we went off the Agenda because there is a requirement for annual election of Officers. Al Sikora proposed that we continue with the same set of officers that we had for 2011 namely Al Sikora for Chairman, Don Scott as Vice-chairman and Jim

Pindel for Secretary/Treasurer. Francis Stadler motioned that keep the same officers and Shelley Tessmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- a) Possible boat/canoe launch on Highway ES (pending) – Alan Barrows reported that the gully was repaired on November 4, 2011 and the work took about a half day as expected. Alan said he has been checking on the site about once a week and that the site is being used a lot for launching motor boats. There are tire tracks on the launch and the launch is holding up well to the traffic. The material that was put down has compacted. So at this point the project is complete. Don Scott asked how wide the launch is and Alan reported that it is about twelve feet wide. Alan said that he will submit an invoice to the commission along with the other required documentation in the future. We will have Alan sign the new Cost Share Agreement and place it with the project documentation. Shelley asked if Alan would provide before and after pictures and Al Sikora asked for a narrative for the website and Alan indicated that he would provide both.

### **New Business**

- a) Consideration of expanding the Commission jurisdiction south to the Illinois boarder. - Jim Pindel reported that he had received an email from Dan Treloar of Kenosha, but since Dan was present he asked Dan to speak for himself. Dan said the he and John Roth had attended one of our meetings a few months ago and since then they have had some discussion among themselves. His office and Kenosha County are interested in joining the commission. Because of difficulties with the county budget and cutbacks the timing was bad for trying to introduce a new potential budget item. The budget crisis is over and Dan's office was reduced by four people including John Roth who took a retirement. After the first of the year Dan will visit the County Executive and see if he is still interested in joining the commission. The County Executive had initially expressed an interest in joining us. The plan seems to be if Kenosha County decides to join our commission they will provide a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to us indicating their desire to join and move forward. At that time the individual municipalities in Kenosha County as well as the two Fox River municipalities in Racine County (Burlington and Rochester) who presently are not included in the commission will have to be contacted to see what their interest is. Once we know exactly who wants in, we will have to approach the appropriate legislators to see if we can get sub Chapter 6 and Chapter 33 of the state statues amended for this expansion. Another possible problem would be deciding what the representation would be from each of the communities involved and how we would handle the larger commission size. There was some discussion on whether it would be more expeditious to have Kenosha county do a resolution instead of the MOU and it was decided that a MOU first and a resolution later, when everyone was on board, would be most appropriate.

- b) SEWFRC Cost Share Agreement – Copies of the revised agreement were passed out to all commissioners. Jim Pindel stated that all the additions and refinements that had been brought up at the last commission meeting and are outlined in the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes had been incorporated in the new document. Francis Stadler asked if the nine points listed as required from the sponsor had to be provided before the document could be signed. It was explained that this Cost Share Agreement would be signed after the sponsor makes his presentation and the commission votes on and approves the project. The nine requirements listed are required before we can make the final payment at the end of a project. Al Sikora asked for a motion and Chad Sampson motioned that we approve the document as presented and Randy Meier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) Reminder to make presentations on new projects by March 2012, so that they can be approved and included in the 2012/2013 budget. Public meeting and formal approval scheduled for May 2012. Al Sikora noted that this request comes from our realignment of our budget schedule to match up with the county budget schedules starting next year. Jim Pindel added that if we know our projects in March, we can approve a new 2013 budget at our April meeting and have our public hearing in May.

### **Reports and Updates**

- a) Eco-System Restoration Project (Waterford Impoundment) – Jim Pindel reported that there was a major meeting called for November 17, 2011 among the ESR committee, the WDNR, SEWRPC and Graef the consulting engineers hired by the WWMD and he was not able to attend that meeting. As it turns out the other possible participants at the meeting Jim D’Antuono and Jeff Thornton were also unable to attend. Jim Pindel reported that he had talked to Dick Kosut who said that the WDNR had some new higher level representatives at the meeting and that he had seen an email from Graef outlining the requirements for farm fields that might be used as disposal sites. Chad Sampson said that Dick Kosut had visited him and they looked for possible disposal sites together. Jeff Thornton said that he has since met with Graef who is in the process of refining the silt volume to be removed calculation. SEWRPC has turned over all its data to Graef and will continue to work with them. Jim Pindel also stated that Dick Kosut indicated that Craig Helker of the WDNR who will specify the exact location and number of sediment samples to be taken is very busy now and so we will have to wait for this next important step. Jim Pindel noted that if we just had a few representative location and sample numbers it would be great to get the data now when the waterway is open and accessible. Jim D’Antuono indicated that he would touch base with Craig Helker.
- b) Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) of Illinois – Jeff Thornton said that the agency focus was on the Des Plaines watershed and the Dutch Gap Canal to come up with storm water management recommendations. These watersheds do not drain into the Fox River until they are completely south of the

- Wisconsin boarder. Jeff went on to say that there is a hearing coming up on dam repairs to the dam immediately south of the Fox River chain of lakes in Illinois. This should not have any consequences to the Fox River in Wisconsin.
- c) SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora said that he had no updates on the website.

At this time Jim D'Antuono reported that the dam just south of the Waterford dam, the Rochester dam is leaking. There is a dam inspection planned for this coming Monday. There will be a drawdown to facilitate any work that needs to be done on that dam. This dam is owned by Racine County and operated by the Wind Lake/Norway/Dover dredge.

**Correspondence** –

- 10/16/11 Email from Angie Van Scyoc of the town of Waukesha requesting a meeting schedule for 2011 and 2012.
- 10/18/11 Email response from Jim Pindel to Angie Van Scyoc stating that we only schedule meetings ahead one meeting at a time and that our next meeting is on December 2, 2011.

**Miscellaneous Issues** –

Shelley Tessmer motioned to end the meeting and the motion was seconded by Randy Meier, the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Closed** at 1:32 PM

**NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING WILL BE Friday, February 3, 2012 at 1:00 PM.** (Meeting Location: Big Bend-Vernon Fire Station #3, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103.)