

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

August 9, 2022

In Person & Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes Recorded: Chery Housley & Mary Rothenmaier

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
9:30 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh, Jan Allman, Bruce Neeb, and Korin Doering</p> <p>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Sara deBruijn, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, Gina Keenan, Chris Halbur, Mary Rothenmaier, Annie Loechler, Faith Murray, Cathy Burrow, applicants and members of the public.</p>	Meeting called at 9:42 AM by Roger Walsh.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of April 12, 2022	Motion by Jan Allman, seconded by Bruce Neeb to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<p>Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that we have a total appropriation of \$3,400,000 plus \$324,957 of SEG carryover for a total balance of \$3,724,957 for SFY2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enumerations from legislature. • Total funding commitments thus far: \$14,389. • Total funds available this meeting: \$3,710,568.12 which consists of \$1,515,284.06 from the Inland Lakes pot, \$1,515,284.06 from the Great Lakes pot and \$680,000 from the Discretionary pot. • Bobbi Winebar proposed leaving the Discretionary as a separate pot and not dividing it in half between the Inland Lakes pot and the Great Lakes pot. That way they could use it as needed and not have to wait until

			<p>April 1 to use more than half of it. Use bonded first.</p>
	<p>4. Policy Meeting</p>	<p>Small Lake Policy – Lakes less than 50 acres that are no wake and electric motor only. The policy established was to hold these projects until the 4th quarter.</p>	<p>Bobbi Winebar proposed removing this policy from the policy document for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commissioners that put this policy in place in 2015 are no longer on the commission. These commissioners didn't feel that these small lakes added any value for recreational boating. 2. Statute 30.635 Motorboat prohibition. On lakes 50 acres or less having public access, motorboats may not be operated in excess of slow-no-wake speed, except when such lakes serve as thoroughfares between 2 or more navigable lakes. The department by rule may modify or waive the requirements of this section as to particular lakes, if it finds that public safety is not impaired by such modification or waiver. 3. This is the only statute or administrative code that has any restrictions for the use of recreational boats on lakes 50 acres or less, so why should we make those projects wait until the last quarterly meeting if they meet the parameters of 30.635. <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to remove this policy from the policy document. Jan Allman seconded. Roger Walsh stated that a full motion wasn't needed, that they could just remove it from the policy document.</p>

	<p>4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action</p>	<p>Projects and funding requests at this meeting:</p> <p>INLAND & GREAT LAKES</p> <p>Development/Renovation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eau Claire County, Lake Eau Claire Launch Redevelopment, \$12,500 2. Winnebago County, Grundman Boat Landing Renovation & Improvements, \$843,312.50 3. Waupaca County, Big Falls Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch & Dock, \$26,000 4. Burnett County Forestry & Parks, Devils Lake Public Access - COST AMENDMENT, \$232,937 5. Waukesha County, Nagawicka Lake Launch & Parking Renovations, \$196,280.42 6. City of Omro, Lower Miller Boat Launch - COST AMENDMENT, \$35,806 7. Town of Wheaton, Boat Launch Improvements, \$87,269 <p>Channel Dredging:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Eau Claire County, Lake Eau Claire Skid Row Dredging, \$40,500 9. Eau Claire County, Lake Eau Claire Sediment Traps, \$85,000 10. Arkdale Lake District, Arkdale Lake Boat Launch Dredging, \$25,670 	<p>Project presentations:</p> <p>INLAND & GREAT LAKES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eau Claire County, Lake Eau Claire Launch Redevelopment: Presentation included background on lake system and all three project applications (#1, #8, & #9) on the agenda. See #8 below for full discussion notes. Project deferred to future meeting. (see finding of feasibility section). 2. Winnebago County, Grundman Boat Landing Renovation & Improvements: They have another funding source (NRDA) that will assist in constructing more parking stalls and adding a turnaround which will make this launch safer. They also plan to add an ADA bathroom, transient dock, canoe/kayak launch, and security lighting. Project will need to go to JFC. Roger Walsh asked about type of canoe/kayak launch. It is an EZ dock. Jan Allman asked about number of ADA stalls. Their total meets ADA requirements. Korin Doering asked about launch fees. They are kept in a separate budget for launch operation and maintenance. 3. Waupaca County, Big Falls Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch & Dock: They will be installing a EZ Dock ADA compliant canoe/kayak launch. They stated that another EZ Dock launch that they purchased 15 years ago is still in use and still in good shape. The Big Falls dock will be taken out in winter. This is a very popular spot to launch and
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			<p>change. Korin Doering asked about the ecological value with dredging? After dredge, there is better substrate habitat for spawning and rearing. Bruce Neeb said in a 2013 Lake Protection grant contract that sand traps need to be maintained by Lake Eau Claire Association. Bruce Neeb wants legal opinion on contract conditions to see if there is a 10 year limit. Korin Doering asked about watershed study and wanted more info on amount of sand being dredged. There is a study underway which is being modeled from previous years. Korin Doering asked for ecological and economic impact on system as part of the study. Jan Allman asked to clarify ADA parking and cost of dredging. There will be 6 parking spots that will be striped after dredging project is complete and resurfacing happens. Korin Doering asked about how current the cost estimate on the launch is. About 1 year old. County will cover cost overruns.</p> <p>9. Eau Claire County, Lake Eau Claire Sediment Traps: presented but deferred to future meeting (see finding of feasibility section).</p> <p>10. Arkdale Lake District, Arkdale Lake Boat Launch Dredging: presented but deferred to future meeting (see finding of feasibility section). Launch is located in the Central Sands area and is filling in. Plan to do a 40' wide dredge instead of 50' because of the small lake and space. The banks are too narrow. Depth and longevity based</p>
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		<p>Finding of Feasibility</p>	<p>on experience. In 2002, a large sand deposit from a storm required dredging which lasted 20 years. Parking at lake access is a wide flat area without any designated parking or facilities to launch a boat. The area is very rural and owned by the town not the lake district. Bruce Neeb requested follow up with contour map of lakebed and proposed dredge since they are not using an engineer. Jan Allman stated that they should have an ADA sign installed to designate the ADA parking space.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to fund all projects, except for 3 Eau Claire County projects and Arkdale's dredging project. Korin Doering seconded motion.</p> <p>Discussion Roger Walsh stated that the Eau Claire sediment traps do not follow our dredging policy and since the sponsor needs to do the dredging before they can renovate the boat launch, there will need to be a policy meeting before we can make a decision on these projects. Bruce Neeb requested an opinion from legal as to whether the surface water grant contract time period is relevant and another legal opinion if DNR can fund sediment traps. Bruce Neeb stated that they should have PE designs for pathways at the boat launch.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb stated that the Arkdale project needs work on ADA and dredge design plans. These should be signed off by an engineer and cost figures should be updated. Korin Doering would like estimate of rate of sedimentation and how long the</p>
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		<p>Project placement on priority list</p> <p>Recommendation for project funding</p>	<p>dredge will last. Jan Allman stated that they should provide information on ADA improvements and specific dredging widths and slopes for longevity. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jan Allman motion approve placement on priority list as shown, Bruce Neeb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for: Winnebago County, Grundman Boat Landing Renovation & Improvements for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$843,312.50, Korin Doering seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Korin Doering made a motion to approve a grant for: Waupaca County, Big Falls Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch & Dock for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$26,000, Jan Allman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jan Allman made a motion to approve a grant for: Burnett County Forestry & Parks, Devils Lake Public Access - COST AMENDMENT for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$232,937, Bruce Neeb seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to approve a grant for: Waukesha County, Nagawicka Lake Launch & Parking Renovations</p>
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	6. Public Comments	None	Bruce Neeb did some research (attended access seminar) courtesy dock is not needed for launch to be considered ADA compliant, but if one is provided then it needs to be ADA compliant.
	7. Next Meetings/Locations		<p>November 1-2, 2022/Green Bay; Potential Tour and Policy Mtg.</p> <p>Potential Policy Meeting Items: Sediment Traps PE Designed Plans or Sign-off Required Eco-Harvesters</p>
	8. Adjournment		Motion by Bruce Neeb to adjourn a 12:20 PM, seconded by Jan Allman. Motion carried unanimously.