

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

November 14, 2023

Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes Recorded: Jessica Terrien

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
10:00 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh (RW), Co-Chair Bruce Neeb (BN), Korin Doering (KD), and Jan Allman (JA)</p> <p>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar (BW), Sara deBruijn (SD), Jessica Terrien (JT), Gina Keenan (GK), Pat Anderson (PA), Jeremy Holtz (JH), Chris Halbur (CH) applicants and members of the public.</p>	Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by RW.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of August 8, 2023 & September 27, 2023	<p>Motion by BN, seconded by JA to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion by BN, seconded by JA to approve the minutes of September 27, 2023. Discussion regarding the transposed numbers on the City of Menasha award amount that will be corrected by BW. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	3. Department Report	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<p>BW presented the budget indicating that we started with a total appropriation of \$3,400,000 for SFY2024 plus \$0.50 carryover from SEG funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enumerations from legislature. • Total funding commitments thus far: \$2,242,708.50. • Total funds available this meeting: \$137,292.00.

	<p>4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action</p>	<p>Projects and funding requests at this meeting:</p> <p>GREAT LAKES</p> <p>Category: Development & Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milwaukee County McKinley Marina Boat Ramp Improvements, Grant Request \$1,193,208.00 2. City of Washburn, Washburn Marina Pier 4 Improvements, Grant Request \$160,266.00—Withdrawn 	<p>Project presentations:</p> <p>GREAT LAKES PROJECTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milwaukee County McKinley Marina Boat Ramp Improvements: Requesting funding for the replacement/reconstruction of the existing ramps at the marina. The existing ramps date back to the original development of the marina, with minor concrete work done to them in the 1990's. The work will be done as part of an overall larger marina project. 2. City of Washburn, Washburn Marina Pier 4 Improvements:—Withdrawn
		<p>Finding of Feasibility</p>	<p>BN made a motion to find all projects feasible. JA seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
		<p>Project placement on priority list</p>	<p>BN made a motion to approve the placement on the priority list as shown, JA seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
		<p>Recommendations for project funding</p>	<p>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milwaukee County McKinley Marina Boat Ramp Improvements for 9.2% of total project costs, not to exceed \$137,292.00, BN seconded. Discussion included that this was all the funding they would receive for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

	<p>5. Discussion of Policy Items</p>	<p>a. Filling Commissioner Vacancy (Chris)</p> <p>b. Small Cap Increase (Bobbi)</p> <p>c. Alternative Plans NR 1.91(6) and NR 1.91(4) (Bruce & Chris)</p>	<p>a. Filling Commissioner Vacancy: The Lake Superior seat has been vacant for some time, and due to the difficulty of finding an individual to represent this watershed, CH presented the idea of working with the Governor's Office to expand the existing boundary for this commission seat to include the counties of Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Price, Oneida, and Vilas. There is also the idea of changing the language of the seat requirements for this watershed relating to residency and applicable professional or personal experience related to Lake Superior. The commissioners discussed if this would be changed for all watershed areas represented on the commission, if the additional counties listed would be sufficient to fill the seat, how to define what personal/professional experience would be sufficient to qualify, and if the current commission is required to vote on the proposed changes. It was decided that expanding the county range would be the most logical first step toward the ultimate goal of filling this vacancy. CH and BW will work with the Governor's Office on the proposed watershed boundary expansion. Although the Commission is not required to vote on these changes, RW felt it would be a good idea to formally do so as a sign of support. JA made a motion to include the counties of Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Oneida and Vilas, with the option to include St. Croix and Polk if deemed necessary, to the Lake Superior Watershed Commission seat boundary. Further, the revised commission requirements language should include that the commissioner must own property within one of these counties but does not have to be a permanent resident of that county, but do need to be a resident of the state of Wisconsin. BN seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>b. Small Cap Increase BW the potential need to increase the total project costs cap on small projects that are not required to be presented to the commission. Costs for projects are increasing. The commission discussed increasing the cap for small projects. Small projects with total project</p>
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	6. Educational Item	a. Wakesports	<p>a. Wakesports BN gave an overview of wakesports and how the boats used for this activity will possibly impact facilities funded by the grant program. This sport has a tendency to cause shoreline erosion issues due to the size of waves created.</p>
	7. Public Comments		None
	8. Next Meetings/ Locations	If any funding is still available.	January 9, 2024, if any funding available; Location: TBD
	9. Adjournment		Motion by BN to adjourn at 11:18 AM, seconded by JA. Motion carried unanimously.