WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

April 10, 2018

Town of Rib Mountain Town Hall, Wausau, Wisconsin Meeting Minutes Recorded: Bobbi Winebar

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
9:00 AM	1. Call to Order	 Members Present: Chair, Jim Rooney, Roger Walsh, Ralph Brzezinski, Maureen Kinney and Lee Van Zeeland Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Annie Loechler, Chris Halbur, Sara deBruijn, Ed Slaminski, Donna Kempf, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, applicants and members of the public. 	Meeting called at 9:00 AM by the Chair. Members of the Commission introduced themselves.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of January 9, 2018	Motion by Roger Walsh, seconded by Ralph Brzezinski to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	 Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that we have a total appropriation of \$2,905,071. Segregated Fee Funding: \$405,071 Stewardship Bonding Funds: \$2,500,000 No enumerations from legislature. Previous small projects, navigational aids and project commitments: \$1,559,144.96 Total funds available this meeting: \$1,328,050.46
	4. Recreational Boating Project and Action	 A. Projects and funding requests at this meeting: 1 Lakeside Park (East) Parking Lot Renovations & Canoe/Kayak Launch Dev- \$26,034 2 Lakeside Park (West) Boarding Docks & Canoe/Kayak Launch Dev - \$19,361 3 Brothertown Launch Parking Lot - \$23,090 4 Lake Park Boat Launch & Seawall - \$65,987 5 Lyons Street Boarding Dock - \$11,536 	 Project presentations: 1. Lakeside Park (East) – Applicant presented project. This park is located at southern end of Lake Winnebago and is about 600 acres in size. Parking lot is in need of resurfacing and striping. The canoe/kayak launch would be located along the man-made channel which

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	Mary Lake Boat Launch - \$37,602	would make it easier for kayakers and
	Oconto Harbor Parking Lot - \$60,000	canoeists easier access to Lake
8	······································	Winnebago. Jim Rooney asked how far
9	······································	away from the motorized launch is the
10) Eagle Lake Boat Launch Rehabilitation &	canoe/kayak launch going to be.
	Paving - \$12,000	Applicant's response: 800 feet to the
11	Lake Tomahawk Boat Launch Restroom	east and is connected by a walking pat
	Facility – \$22,062.50	Lee Van Zeeland asked about that the
12	2 Saxon Harbor Dev Ralph BrzezinskiF-1590	main project being the canoe/kayak
	AMEND - \$167,187	launch and not the parking lot.
13	3 Saxon Harbor Dredging Ralph BrzezinskiF-	Applicant's response: this is a 2-part
	1591 AMEND –	project with the parking lot as one part
	\$103,063.38	and the canoe/kayak as the other part.
14	Saxon Harbor Ralph BrzezinskiF-1592 AMEND	Roger Walsh stated that he would have
	- \$56,781	questions after the second presentation
15	5 Huckleberry Harbor Boat Launch AMEND –	2. Lakeside Park (West) – Area is a large
	\$18,615	boat launch area – about 100 parking
16	6 Armstrong-Eddy Boat Launch - \$299,325	spaces and 6 ramps. Plan to replace a
		of the wood on each ramp and put new
	arvesters:	bumpers on them. Other part of the
17	7 Camp & Center Lakes Shore Conveyor-	project is to put a canoe/kayak launch
	deferred to Aug. 2019	along the Fond du Lac River. Roger
18	3 Legend Lake Weed Harvester & Trailer-	Walsh asked about pricing on
	\$109,341 (50%)	canoe/kayak launch as to why the price
19	O Clam Lake Weed Harvester- \$35,000 (35%)	between the two projects are so
) Mid Lake Weed Harvester - \$131,500 (50%)	different. Applicant's response: one at
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	the east is ADA compliant and the one
Fi	nding of Feasibility	at the west is not ADA compliant. Jim
	<u> </u>	Rooney asked for more clarification on
Pi	roject placement on priority list	the differences. Applicant's response:
	·····	described the ADA launch in detail.
		Roger Walsh asked if there is a handra
		on the west one. Applicant's response:
R	ecommendation for project funding	yes. Roger Walsh asked if there are
		rollers on one. Applicant's response:
		the ADA one does have them. Jim
		Rooney asked about timeline.
		Applicant's response: stated that
		concrete work would be done in 2018
		and launch would be installed in 2019.
		Roger Walsh asked how close the east
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and west locations are. Applicant's
response: about ³ / ₄ mile but that they
are divided as separate parks. Roger
Walsh asked if you can get between the
two areas. Applicant's response: you
can paddle through some man-made
channels and that you can access Lake
Winnebago. West launch would be
located right on Fond du Lac river which
leads to downtown. Lee Van Zeeland
asked about general use of the launch.
Applicant's response: paddlers would
probably head out to Lake Winnebago
and not mainly the river system.
Maureen Kinney asked which is closer.
Applicant's response: both are about
the same distance from Lake
Winnebago. Ralph Brzezinski asked
about funding the canoe/kayak launch
when motorized is what should be
mainly funded. Maureen Kinney asked
about other funding sources. Bobbi
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Winebar stated that Stewardship and
Recreational Trails Program are also
eligible funding sources. Maureen
Kinney asked about conflicts between
motorized and non-motorized.
Applicant's response: the non-
motorized would have to go past
motorized launches on both sites.
Maureen Kinney asked if canoe/kayak
are using motorized launches now.
Applicant's response: paddlers have
used them but mainly try to launch from
rocky shore which isn't always very
easy. Jim Rooney asked about ADA
compliance. Applicant's response: the
non-ADA compliant one would not be
able to accommodate a wheelchair.
Maureen Kinney asked whether their
regulations require them to have

everything ADA compliant. Applicant's
response: no they do not.
3. Brothertown – Brothertown Harbor is
located on the east side of Lake
Winnebago and is a very popular
launching facility. Recently acquired
land that is going to be developed into a
30-slot parking area. Maureen Kinney
asked about funding source. Applicant's
response: they have some funds that
are still open from a previous grant that
they will utilize with this project. They
held onto some of the funding waiting
until they could obtain an easement.
Used original funding for some lighting.
Jim Rooney stated that it seemed odd to
hold this open this long. Chris Halbur
stated that we kept it open because they
knew there were more items that were
going to be done at the site. Ralph
Brzezinski stated that he gives them the credit for having a plan. Roger Walsh
asked about archaeological study.
Applicant's response: they had to add
this to their project due to compliance
from the DNR. Roger Walsh stated that
their request is actually \$23,090 and not
what is on the rating cover sheet.
4. Lake Winneconne Park – Park is located
on Lake Winneconne which a lake
between Lake Buttes des Mortes and
Lake Poygan. Looking to replace
seawall along the landing which is
deteriorated, replace asphalt approach
with a concrete section; and construct a
walkway to connect all sides. This
launch site is heavily used and
generates about \$35,000 a year from
launch fees. Ralph Brzezinski asked what the seawall would consist of.
Applicant's response: it would be wood.

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	Roger Walsh asked about removal of
	original seawall. Applicant's response:
	the only a portion of the original seawall
	that will be removed are the sections on
	each side of the launch.
5.	Lyon street Boarding Dock – Plan to
	install an ADA compliant "L" shaped pier
	that will accommodate both boaters
	using the ramp and transient boaters.
	Maureen Kinney asked why they didn't
	apply for their new launch that they just
	put in. Applicant's response: this is
	their first RBF grant application and
	wasn't sure in what order to apply for
	funding for this. Village used \$14,000
	for the boat launch. Jim Rooney asked
	about voluntary launch fee. Applicant's
	response: they have raised around
	\$1,500 in a given season and that
	funding is then used for maintenance.
	She believes that they will raise even
	more with a better landing. Ralph
	Brzezinski asked about the parking
	situation that if they have more users
	there isn't much space for additional
	parking. Applicant's response: there is
	more parking around the corner and a
	parking lot about 2 blocks away that will
	hold 50 cars and trailers. Town of
	Marquette is a very small town and can
	walk to just about everywhere. There is
	parking on Lyons Street that will hold
	about 10 vehicles with trailers. Ralph
	Brzezinski asked if there are any other
	launches within their community.
	Applicant's response: there is one
	launch about 2 blocks away on Charlotte
	St. but it is much smaller. Roger Walsh
	asked about size of Lake Puckaway.
	Applicant's response: Over 5000 acres.

and have put gravel in as temporary improvement. Maureen Kinney asked if it is one ramp. Applicant's response: yes. Lee Van Zeeland asked if there is any other access to the lake. Applicant's response: no there isn't any other access. Lee Van Zeeland asked about parking. Applicant's response: there are other parking areas but that they are limited due to the train tracks running parallel to entrance road and the lake being on the other side. Lee Van Zeeland asked if there are homes on this 236-acre lake. Applicant's response: there are some homes mainly with pontoon boats. It is a good bass fishing lake. Maureen Kinney asked about the beige area on page 5 of their handout. Applicant's response: that is the playground area which have parking areas but those wouldn't accommodate trailers. Jim Rooney asked about fee. Applicant's response: it is \$3 daily use and a seasonal fee and have received about \$1,000 annually. Oconto River Harbor – This is not on the Oconto River it actually located on the bay of Green Bay. Launch is located
next to the North Bayshore Campground which has 34 camping sites. Want to give users a safer place to park because

8.	people are parking all over the grassy areas. Have fish cleaning station that will be put in June and would incorporate this into the new parking area. Maureen Kinney asked about wetland permit. Applicant's response: there are designated wetlands in the areas and had to do a wetland delineation in order to get the permit for a grading and filling from the zoning dept. Jim Rooney stated that the vehicles in the aerial photo is about 50 and asked if this is normal and also asked about their launch fees. Applicant's response: there is a campground located nearby so parking lot is often used by both boaters and campers. Does have launch fee and sell about 2300 daily passes and 450- 500 seasonal passes. WI River Boat Launch Muscoda - pronounced "Muskoday" - Plan to replace/reconstruct the boat launch with pivoting access ramp and dock along with updating the current parking lot and installing rip rap. Boat ramp is located next to a 60-unit campsite. Hosting International Hovercraft festival in late July. Had hoped to have it completed by then but most likely won't be. Roger Walsh asked about pivot ramp. Applicant's response: the pivot ramp moves and allows floating dock to move so that they don't have to keep moving floating dock every time the water levels changes >2 feet. Ralph Brzezinski asked about how much of the radius is going to be increased in the photo that was supplied by applicant. Applicant's response: the radius will increase 10' in several locations and in other areas 15'.

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	 Rip rap will go along entire perimeter. Ralph Brzezinski states that currently there isn't a launch fee. Applicant's response: the village is going to implement a launch fee once project is done. Roger Walsh asked about fee. Applicant's response: about \$3-5 per boat and possibly adding onto the camping fee. 9. WI River Launch Avoca – Plan is to removal the decrepit launch ramp and replace it with a new one. The old one is also very narrow. The village has to remove the old dock quite often so that has added to the deterioration. The new boat ramp width will be Increased to 20' and have a pivot ramp. Another landing about 2-2.5 miles away has recently been closed by the private landowner so this will be the only access point and activity will be increased. Boat ramp is adjacent to a 90-unit campsite which is full most of the summer. Will also be adding lighting to the launch site for night users and safety reasons. Jim Rooney asked about acreage of the lake. Applicant's response: About 970 acres. It is a very skinny lake that goes into the Wisconsin River. Jim Rooney asked how wide the lake is. Applicant's response: that he didn't know off the top of his head because all that was on the map given to the Commissioners was the access point. Jim Rooney asked about usage. Applicant's response: 10-15 boats per day. Ralph Brzezinski
	asked about parking. Applicant's response: there are 12-15 trailer stalls
	and other parking by campsite area. Ralph Brzezinski asked about increase in use due to closing of the private dock.

Applicant's response: that probably
about an increase of 3-5 boats/day.
Ralph Brzezinski asked where would
they park. Applicant's response: that
the parking in the campground is about
250-500' away. Lee Van Zeeland asked
what is wrong with the ramp currently.
Applicant's response: that the concrete
areas are washed out and it is a very
steep ramp. Older users have a difficult
time in getting in and out of boats when
water fluctuates. Ralph Brzezinski
asked about launch fees. Applicant's
response: that is probably going to be the same as the Muscoda fee because
the communities are talking together
about this. Lee Van Zeeland stated that
he usually isn't one to state that you
need to charge a fee but in this case it is
a good idea. Ralph Brzezinski stated
that the continual maintenance is going
to be an issue if they don't charge a
launch fee. Applicant's response: that
the communities are good about having
segregated funds for the campground
and launch.
10. Vilas County - Anne Loechler presented
project since applicant was not present.
This is phase 2 to a former project. Plan
is to remove and replace the existing
boat ramp and parking lot asphalt. This
launch is the only access on Eagle
Lake. Jim Rooney stated that they have
a launch fee of \$1.
11. Lake Tomahawk - Current restroom was
built by WCC in the 1950's and hasn't
been maintained. Last year they put in
a handicapped fishing pier and an ADA
compliant port-a-potty. Everyone uses
this so have to pump it out very often.
Ralph Brzezinski stated that you can

see the restroom better from the
highway than the launch area.
Applicant's response: that it will be
placed at an elevation of 95' above the
highwater mark. Planning to apply for
another funding source to match this
funding. They do have a voluntary
launch fee and about 80-90% of
vehicles parked there have the launch
fee tags on them in the parking area.
Roger Walsh stated that in Oct. 24,
2017 set a standard for a restroom was
\$32,000 which may have been for 2
units whereas this is a 4-unit restroom.
Maureen Kinney asked about parking.
Applicant's response: on a summer
weekend there could be 100 vehicles
parked near the lake.
12. Saxon Harbor RBF-1590 Amend
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14. Saxon Harbor RBF-1592 Amend
\$12 million to rebuild this area that was
destroyed by the storm of July 2016.
Commissioners viewed a PowerPoint
presentation. Bridge that was destroyed
has to be moved which changed the
Saxon harbor site plan.
Maureen Kinney asked about FEMA.
Applicant's response: that FEMA is
doing the entire dredging but WEM has
to pay 12.5%. Commissioners asked
about marina. Applicant's response:
Marina is run and owned by Iron County.
Had 91 slips and new design will be 81.
Can be rented short term or seasonal. If
slip isn't being used or boat isn't parked
there they reserve the right to use it for
daily users. Maureen Kinney asked if
dredging could be done in phases.
Applicant's response: that the cost of
mobilization is the expensive part so it

more cost effective to do it all at once.
Roger Walsh stated that Sec 30.92
(4)(b)(4), Wis. Stats provides "No funds
may be used for the purchase of land or
the construction of facilities commonly
used to berth boats." Dredging
discussion continued. South Basin
harbor, which is used by the marina, is
not designated as a harbor of refuge.
New boat launch and parking facility is
the important part of funding needed.
Maureen Kinney asked about RBF-
1591. Applicant's response: that FEMA
is paying for majority of that dredging.
Everything in blue on map in
presentation is dredging in RBF-1591.
Jim Rooney stated that in previous
discussions with the commission that
the commission would help rebuild
Saxon Harbor to the extent possible.
Maureen Kinney asked about RBF-1592
project items. Jim Rooney asked if
original was funded at 80%. Project for
facility expansion in 2005 was funded at
80%. Maureen Kinney stated that
money has already been granted but
nothing has been spent. Applicant's
response: yes. Roger Walsh stated that
the 3 project amendment requests are:
RBF-1591 \$103,063; RBF-1590
\$325,871; RBF; RBF-1592 \$56,781.
The commission requested that Iron
County redo the cost estimate
worksheet for RBF-1591 to remove the
dredging costs for the marina.
15. Huckleberry Harbor Amend - Very busy
launch facility and close to downtown. It
is located between Shawano Lake and
the Wolf River. They recently raised
their launch fee to \$5. The cost
amendment is being requested because

	 the bids came in a lot higher than expected. Lee Van Zeeland asked how estimates could be so far off. Applicant's response: it came down to 3 items that came it a lot more expensive than predicted. Ralph Brzezinski asked about normal usage. Applicant's response: on a normal weekend the 65-trailer parking unit will be about 50% full and on tournament weekends they are 100% full. 16. Armstrong-Eddy - Launch built in the 1960's and is in need of repair and has safety issues. Park area has about 7 acres. Parking lot was resurfaced in 1988. Launch fee is \$6/day; \$40/year for residents of the Town and \$50/year for non-residents. Between this park and Preservation Park (about 4 miles away), they raise about \$8,000 annually. Currently more boaters are using Preservation Park launch because of the condition of this launch. Roger Walsh asked about removal of seawall. Applicant's response: the north portion is being removed and replaced with riprap. Roger Walsh asked about parking lot is going to be replaced and utilizing different techniques including swales to control runoff.
	 Harvesters 17. Applicant deferred project to Aug. 2018 18. Legend Lake Harvester & Trailer Acquisition. There is 38 miles of shoreline and 1300 acres of open water. There are 3 public launches. Charge \$5 daily; \$25 annual. Have a very active Clean Boat/Clean Water system. Roger

		 Walsh asked about current harvesters. Applicant's response: currently have two paddleboat ones. This one would be more efficient since it is rear propulsion and it would be replacing the 1998 one. The other harvester was purchased in 2002. Roger Walsh asked about use of GPS. Applicant's response: they use a manual system where they survey the lake and then draw up the maps. Roger Walsh asked about if they had an invoice from the manufacturer. Applicant's response: supplied Roger Walsh with an invoice. They also use a D.A.S.H. (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester used for underwater pulling of plants) for curly pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil. Ralph Brzezinski asked about lake associations. Applicant's response: they have homeowner's association and a lake district. 19. Clam Lake Harvester Rebuild- Clam Lake was listed as impaired in 2012. A new 75 to 80-unit campground is going to be built along the lake in the near future. Have a carp problem that was destroying the wild rice population. Roger Walsh asked if there is access on both lower and upper. Applicant's response: you can access both by a launch along highway 70 onto the big lake and can get to the lower lake. Roger Walsh asked how many machines that they have. Applicant's response: they have 2 machines that will fit under the bridge. Ralph Brzezinski asked if there are any other contributions to weed harvesting from their partners. Applicant's response: no they don't receive any contributions from the other partners. Maureen Kinney
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 asked why they repair instead of buy new. Applicant's response: said for the cost it would make sense to just renovate the harvester since the barge platform is still in good condition. Lee Van Zeeland asked about harvesting on Lower clam lake. Applicant's response: no but they will be starting to do that lake since it is full of weeds. 20. Mid Lake Harvester – Replacement of the trailer, elevator and harvester. Roger Walsh about spec sheet from company. Applicant's response: provided a copy to Roger Walsh. Lee Van Zeeland asked about access to lake. Applicant's response: there isn't an access on Mid Lake but they are connected by thoroughfares to Lake Tomahawk and Minocqua Lake. Access located on thoroughfare so boats come in from that launch. Minocqua Lake and Lake Tomahawk don't have the weed problems that Mid Lake has.
Roger Walsh motioned to find all projects feasible. Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Roger Walsh Motioned to approve the project placement on the priority list. Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 Roger Walsh made a motion to fund: 1 Lakeside Park (East) Parking Lot Renovations & Canoe/Kayak Launch Dev - 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$26,034; and 2 Lakeside Park (West) Boarding Docks & Canoe/Kayak Launch Dev - 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$19,361;

Maureen seconded. Ralph Brzezinski
brought up the canoe/kayak issue and
that they don't fund "free standing
canoe/kayak launches." Lee Van
Zeeland brought up that maybe they
should think of using a different percent
for these projects like they do for
harvesters. Roger Walsh amended his
original motion to fund the canoe/kayak
portions of both projects #1 & #2 at 35%
with the other portions of the project
funded at 50%. Lee Van Zeeland
seconded. Motion as amended passed
unanimously. This would put project #1
funding not to exceed \$20,473.80 and
project #2 that funding should not
exceed \$16.403.05.
Roger Walsh made a motion to fund:
3 Brothertown Launch Parking Lot – at
30% of total project costs not to exceed
\$23,090; Ralph Brzezinski seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
Roger Walsh made a motion to fund:
4 Lake Park Boat Launch & Seawall –
50% of total project costs not to exceed
\$65,987
5 Lyons Street Boarding Dock – 50% of
total project costs not to exceed \$11,536
6 Mary Lake Boat Launch – 50% of total
project costs not to exceed \$37,602
7 Oconto Harbor Parking Lot – 50% of
total project costs not to exceed \$60,000
8 Muscoda - WI River Boat Launch – 50%
of total project costs not to exceed
\$68,092.50
9 Avoca - WI River Boat Launch – 50% of
total project costs not to exceed \$38,190

10 Eagle Lake Boat Launch Rehabilitation & Paving – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$12,000 11 Lake Tomahawk Boat Launch Restroom
Facility – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$22,062.50
Maureen Kinney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
12 Saxon Harbor Dev RBF-1590 AMEND – Roger Walsh made a motion to fund 80% of the new total project costs minus the funding that they have already received, so funding not to exceed \$325,871. Ralph seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
13 Saxon Harbor Dredging RBF-1591 AMEND – Roger Walsh made a motion to defer this project until the next meeting. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
14 Saxon Harbor RBF-1592 AMEND – Roger Walsh made a motion to fund 80% of the total project costs minus what they have already received so
funding not to exceed \$56,781. Maureen Kinney seconded. Ralph Brzezkinski discussed that the canoe/kayak and the
paystation don't need to be a part of getting this area up and going so doesn't feel that this should be funded at this time. Lee Van Zeeland agreed with
Ralph. Ralph made a motion to amend the initial motion to remove \$55,000. Lee Van Zeeland seconded. This brings the total project sects to \$150,122 and
the total project costs to \$159,133 and the total funding request to \$84,106.40 minus the previously funded amount of \$71,968 so funding not to exceed
\$12,138.40. Motion passed as amended, Maureen Kinney voted no.

 Roger Walsh made a motion to fund: 15 Huckleberry Harbor Boat Launch AMEND – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$18,615 16 Armstrong-Eddy Boat Launch – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$299,325 Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Roger Walsh motioned that the following harvester projects should be funded at 35% of the total projects costs not to exceed the following:
 17 Camp & Center Lakes Shore Conveyor- deferred to Aug. 2019 18 Legend Lake Weed Harvester & Trailer – fund at 35% not to exceed \$76,538.70 19 Clam Lake Weed Harvester - fund at 35% not to exceed \$35,000 20 Mid Lake Weed Harvester - fund at 35% not to exceed \$92,050;
Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Lee Van Zeeland stated that he has concerns about funding a harvester on lake with no motorized access. Motion passed unanimously.
Roger Walsh made a motion to raise the funding up to 50% for all of the development projects that were funded at 48.21% at the October 24, 2017 meeting. This would use up an additional \$31,907.45 (1.79%) Maureen Kinney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

		Remaining SEG balance to be used toward small projects and navigational aids until the end of the fiscal year is \$61,168.06.
5. Project Eligibility Discussion	Bridge Approaches for Boating Access Clarification of Policy Wording on Canoe/Kayak Launches	Commission decided to have #6 Public Comments before #5. Bridge Approaches for Boating Access Bobbi Winebar brought up the discussion regarding Shawano County's bridge approach issue. A bridge over the channel between Shawano Lake and the Wolf River in Shawano County is going to be replaced and WisDOT will only replace the bridge in- kind. Shawano County would like to raise the bridge to accommodate larger boats but would have to pay for the new approaches themselves which run about \$250,000. Roger Walsh stated that in 2015 when the Commission approved the culvert project for Shawano County it was due to the fact that there was only an access on one lake and not both lakes. This bridge project does not have the same issue because there are 12 access points between the Wolf River and Shawano Lake – some are undeveloped and some are very nice launches. Lee Van Zeeland stated that the RBF program shouldn't be in the highway road/bridge funding business. Ed Slaminski stated that there is a process through our WDNR-DOT liaison person that they can go to with "obstruction to navigation" issues. Ed gave an example of a similar issue in Washburn County. Ralph Brzezinski motioned that WCC would not fund bridge approaches for boating access. Roger Walsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clarification of Policy Wording on
Canoe/Kayak Launches
Maureen Kinney motioned that canoe/kayak
launches be funded at 35% where they
share the same launch facilities as a
motorized boat facility. No second. Lee Van
Zeeland stated that he was concerned that
if they continue to fund canoe/kayak
launches that they are going to be
bombarded with these types of requests
and doesn't want to see the funding going
toward these types of projects. Chris Halbur
asked Matt Hendricks from the city of
Shawano that if someone launched a canoe
or kayak at Huckleberry Harbor would they
be expected to pay the launch fee and put
the launch sticker on their vehicle in the
parking lot? Matt responded that yes, they
would have to pay because they are utilizing
the launch and parking in a parking spot.
Monty Brink from Oconto County stated that
their canoe and kayak users would probably
launch from the grassy area or seawall so
wouldn't be using the launch but still parking
in the lot so they wouldn't be required to pay
the launch fee. Would be hard to enforce if
they actually used the launch unless a
patrol was there and saw them do it. Ralph
Brzezinski stated that since there isn't a
registration fee coming in from
nonmotorized boats that they shouldn't be
funded. Maureen Kinney stated that she is
comfortable with funding at 35% if there isn't
the requirement that the canoe/kayak
launch has to be part of a larger
development project at the same time or
that it has to be right next to the motorized
launch but can share the same support
facilities with a motorized boat launch. Lee
Van Zeeland again stated that he really
thinks that this is going to become

unhooked. He stated that 33 canoe/kayak
launch projects at \$33,000 a piece is a
million bucks. He believes that with a year
they could see 33 canoe/kayak projects.
Sara deBruijn stated that within the last year
she has had at least 30 phone calls asking
about funding for canoe/kayak launches.
Chris Halbur described the canoe/kayak
projects that the commission funded in
Marinette's Menekaunee Harbor and the
Kewaunee Boat Launch and that those
were put in from pressure from the
motorized and nonmotorized user groups.
Maureen Kinney stated that since the
funding is now from stewardship shouldn't it
be open to all user groups. Roger Walsh
stated that statute can be interpreted to
state that this should still only fund
motorized launch facilities but that in the
past if the canoe/kayak launch was part of
another motorized development project that
they were allowed to be funded. Roger
Walsh asked Jim Rooney that when this
commission and funding program was
established what was the mission. Jim
Rooney stated that this program used to be
funded with gas tax money until that was
put towards other programs and the main
purpose was for motorized boat launches.
Maureen restated her motion but still no second so motion was dead. Lee Van
Zeeland questioned where the boat
registration fees are all going to and asked
that this be checked into. DNR staff agreed
to check into this.* Roger Walsh made a
motion that the commission no longer funds
canoe/kayak launches. Lee Van Zeeland
seconded. Matt Hendricks asked the
commission to consider putting a certain
amount of money aside for these types of
projects and once that pot is gone you are

	done funding them for the year. Motion passed, Maureen Kinney voted no.
6. Public Comments	Commission decided to move the Public Comments discussion before #5. Matt Hendricks from City of Shawano would like to know what the commission is going to do regarding the canoe/kayak launches because they have numerous canoe/kayak launch projects in the future. Would like clarification on what the commission considers a stand-alone project. Maureen Kinney asked about other funding sources, SFR, RTP, Stewardship. Anne Loechler stated that SOBA has added paddlecraft to their guidance. Other nearby states require nonmotorized boats to register their boats. Iron County stated that their canoe/kayak wasn't funded at all but other canoe/kayak projects were funded at 35%. Request for a canoe/kayak launch was from boaters to move them away from the motorized launch. Jim Rooney indicated that they would like to receive a copy of Minnesota's legislation on registration of nonmotorized boats and would like to see how many nonmotorized boats are currently being registered in Wisconsin.** He also stated that he'd like to check into the process for changing the statute so that nonmotorized canoes and kayaks have to be registered. Annie Loechler stated that she has a report from Safety wardens regarding the number of increase of paddlecraft users. Jim Rooney brought up the discussion of ROW on platted lands. Sara deBrujin stated that is only in subdivisions – have to be platted.
7. Next Meeting/Location	August 14, 2018 Town of Rib Mountain Town Hall; 8:30 a.m . Updated : Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and

		Forestry Dept. office at 212 River Drive, Suite 2, Wausau (715-261-1550); 8:45 a.m. Sept. 12-13 Saxon Harbor (tour on Wed. start at Saxon Harbor at noon, policy on Thurs.) January 8, 2019 Location TBD April 9, 2019 Location TBD
8. Adjournment		Motion by Ralph Brzezinski to adjourn, seconded by Roger Walsh. Motion passed unanimously.
NOTES:	*DNR staff will provide this information at either the August or September, 2018 meeting. **DNR staff were informed that there are approximately 5,300 non-motorized boats active registrations (registrations are valid for 3 years). Most were sailboats with a small number of canoes.	