WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

In Person & Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes Recorded: Bobbi Wi	nebar

Presenter/			
Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
1:00 PM	1. Call to Order	 Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh (RW), Co-Chair Bruce Neeb (BN), and Korin Doering (KD); Jan Allman (JA) Others Present: Bobbi Winebar (BW), Sara deBruijn (SD), Jessica Terrien (JT), Chris Halbur (CH), Mary Rothenmaier (MR), Pat Anderson (PA), Cheryl Housley (CH), applicants and members of the public. 	Meeting called at 1:06 PM by RW. Meeting held to revisit two funding decisions made at the August 8, 2023 meeting.
	2. Review Funding of Two of the August 8, 2023 Projects	 City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment, Requested grant of \$1,020,000.00; Received \$700,000.00 City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Renovation, Requested grant of \$1,020,000.00; Received \$219,979.18 	 RW requested this meeting to revisit the funding decisions made at the August 8, 2023 meeting. Presentation by City of Ashland: Sara Hudson and Scott Stegmann and Mayor Matt McKenzie: No really good boat landings along their 5 miles of shoreline. Former NPS Ashland Superfund site is location of proposed new boat launch facility. Parking lot has 42 vehicle/trailer parking lots. Current boat launch has many issues and no longer safe and not ADA compliant. Project complications include cost increases, cap can't be compromised, so requires special launch design, and this also means that they can't put in a restroom facility – can only use a porta potty on site. The \$320,000 shortfall will be a hardship for the city. KD asked if RBF funds were previously used to construct the parking lot on top of the cap. Response was "Yes, but RBF funds were not used for placing the cap." RW asked what the difference in the ability of the city to do the project with the \$320,000 shortfall compared to the being fully funded.

3. Small Cap/Navigational Aids Policy	Discuss if Small Cap policy should be changed to a higher amount or make a policy so that Navigational Aids do not need to be	 Response was that the city's borrowing capacity is about maxed out. Without having a deeper launch facility, revenue is being lost due to boaters going elsewhere. BN made a motion to rescind the \$700,000 grant award given at the August 8, 2023 funding meeting and then made a motion to fund the project at 73% of total project costs not to exceed \$1,020,000. JA Seconded. KD voted no. Motion passed. 2. Discussion regarding the \$20,000 left for small projects. Holding this funding is not consistent with how most grant programs utilize their funding. Would need a policy to place small projects at a higher level than other projects. BN made a motion to rescind the \$219,979.18 grant awarded on August 8, 2023 and made a motion to fund the project at 10% of total project costs not to exceed \$239,979.18. JA seconded. Motion carried. RW stated that costs have been going up rapidly and would like to see the cap raised. BN agrees that it should be raised. JA asked
	presented to the commission, no matter what their total project costs and grant request is.	about analysis about what it should be raised to. BW stated that boarding docks have gone up in price and not many can be funded as a small project anymore.
4. Public Comments		None
5. Next Meetings/Locations	*If funding still available*	November 14, 2023; Location: TBD
6. Adjournment		Motion by BN to adjourn a 1:45 PM, seconded by JA. Motion carried unanimously.