### 1. Call to Order

**Members Present:** Chair, Jim Rooney, Roger Walsh, and Lee Van Zeeland. (Dave Kedrowski and Maureen Kinney Present via SKYPE)

**Others Present:** Bobbi Winebar, Annie Loechler, Chris Halbur, Bruce Neeb, Beth Norquist, Sara deBruijn, Jim Ritchie, Patrick Kirsop, – DNR, applicants and members of the public.

Meeting called at 9:34 AM by the Chair.

### 2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of October 25, 2016

Motion by Roger Walsh, seconded by Lee Van Zeeland approve the minutes of October 25, 2016. Motion carried.

### 3. Department Reports

Fund Condition (see attached budget)

- Segregated Fee Funding $366,624
- Stewardship Bonding Funds $1,321,442
- Second year of Biennium with no enumerations from legislature.
- Previous small projects deduction of $7,485.98.

Project requests total $2,276,669.50 leaving a negative balance of $588,604.

### 4. A. Recreational Boating Project

**Project Presentations**
1. Glen Loch Landing Rehab & Dev - $148,569
2. Lussier County Park Boat Launch - $225,000
3. Section 11 Boat Launch - $153,167.50
4. White Lake Launch Ramp Replace & Dev - $30,250
5. Shaw's Landing New Restroom Dev - $18,000
6. New London Riverwall & Trans. Docking -

Commission deferred to have the Racine Chairlift Project presented first. Great Lakes Project taken out of order:

#### 17. Racine Harbor ADA Chairlift Installation

Total cost for upgrading dock for structure and chair is $26,500. Grant request is for 50% or $13,250. Lee Van Zeeland questioned the possible use. Discussion included that the WWC funded one ADA lift in the past in City of Milwaukee. Questions rose from the Commission for John Rooney as to whether
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this time and that there aren’t any plans to start charging fees in the future. Nearby veteran facility. Veterans group interested in helping with project.

2. Lussier County Park Boat Launch
Moving boat launch from Fish Lake County Park to the Lussier County Park. Unsafe conditions at current boat launch due to vehicles with boat trailers having to pull across Fish Lake Road to be able to back up into the boat launch. Seeking funding for ramp, parking area and access road. Jim Rooney asked about depth at new site. Applicant said that they took depths during last winter and found the best location for the ramp based on depth.

3. Section 11 Boat Launch
Two launches and two ramps that are in very poor condition. Access road/ramp is very steep down to ramp. ADA access to restroom facility and to ramps is non-existent. Roger Walsh asked about the trench drain. Applicant indicated that they want to improve drainage with a trench drain.

4. White Lake Launch Ramp Replace & Dev
Need to replace aging and broken concrete log style boat launch. This is a very busy launch and the upgrade would make it ADA compliant. No questions from commission.

5. Shaw’s Landing New Restroom Dev
Very busy boat launch. Plan to install a pre-cast concrete vault style restroom to replace the porta-potties that are currently there. Due to flood plain restrictions have to have this restroom a couple feet higher that what is currently there. No questions from commission.

Transient docking project. River gets a lot of use and this would bring boaters right into the downtown area
of New London. River fluctuates a lot during the seasons. Currently repairing the river wall behind the businesses. Jim Rooney asked if there are time limits on the transient docks. Applicant indicated that yes there are ordinances in place now. Lee Van Zeeland asked about where the other transient docks are located. Applicant indicated that they are located on the other side of the river and across from the launch. Roger Walsh asked about the fishing platform. Applicant indicated that is not part of the funds that are being requested.

7. Chippewa Hallie Landing
Bruce Neeb presented this project since the applicants could not make it to the meeting. This is a cost amendment request for more funding for their April 2016 funded project due to original funding request being based on an estimate and true costs were actually higher than the estimate. Lee Van Zeeland asked if original project was funded at 50%. Applicant answered, yes. Correction to the rating sheet - actual total project costs are $309,913 with a request of $23,172.

8. East Shore Landing Parking Lot Rehab
East shore parking lot/ramp rehab at their very busy boat launch. Roger Walsh asked if there is a ramp into the water. Applicant answered, yes it is a concrete one and that no work will be done in the water. Lee Van Zeeland asked why it scored a “1” in the distance. Chris Halbur explained that the distance between this launch and the next are not that far apart.

9. Little Wolf River Restroom Replacement
Replacement of an existing vault restroom that was place in the early 1980’s. Replaced boat launch 2008-09 with RBF funding. No questions from commission.

10. Eagle Lake Nav Channel Dredging (in Racine County).
Worked with DNR to obtain needed permit to be able to dump at a closer site but DNR staff did not have
time to certify the new location so had to stick with previous location. The distance to the previous location and transport time raised the costs by $8,000. This is a very popular lake for both ice and open water fishing and there has been concern for boat propeller breakage. Lake Association paid Fire Department for scuba time to determine what stones and boulders needed to be removed. Dredging work removed these items. Did receive grant at 48%. Asking for amendment. Payment already made and request for $5,829 is correct. No questions from commission.

11. **Weed Harvester/Conveyor** (Delavan)
Request is to acquire another harvester and conveyor for Lake Delavan so that they can leave the harvester that they already have in the inlet portion of the lake in the inlet and not have to move it to the outlet to cut weeds. It is a 3-day process to remove, decontaminate and launch at outlet. Lee Van Zeeland asked about the other cutting outside of the inlet and outlet. Applicant stated that there is some cutting done in the main body of the lake and that they prefer to remove mechanically instead of chemically to try to control phosphorus better. Roger Walsh asked whether the harvesters would fit under the roads by the inlets and outlets. Applicant stated, no they do not fit under. Roger Walsh also asked about placement of harvesters. Applicant replied that they have two small harvesters that are kept within the main body of the lake and the other harvester that would be kept in inlet. The new harvester would be kept in the outlet. In the main body of the lake they cut navigational channels. Fifty-eight percent of weeds come from inlet and outlet and 42% comes from main body. Lee Van Zeeland asked what is meant by the term transport time. Applicant stated that the transport time is the time it takes to remove the harvester from the inlet, take it to the shed to decontaminate it, and then the time it takes to launch it at the outlet and vice versa. This process causes
concern for increasing invasives in Turtle Creek, Rock River and the Mississippi River.

12. Harvester (Delafield)
Main harvesting activity on Nagawicka Lake is the Bark River inlet, west side inlets, and St. John’s Bay. These areas wouldn’t be accessible without weed harvesting. Old harvester was purchased in 2006 and it is unreliable. Would continue to use old harvester during peak times. Roger Walsh asked about enclosed cabin and air conditioning in the cabin. Applicant stated that they harvest 7 days a week even in adverse weather. These adverse weather conditions prompted the addition of this enclosed cabin. Maureen Kinney asked about launch fees. Applicant stated that Waukesha County’s launch charges an $8 daily fee and City of Delafield charges $25 for an annual permit. Permits are enforced.

13. Shore Conveyor (Whitewater & Rice) Request is for a shore conveyor that will work with the dump truck that they are in the process of obtaining. Roger Walsh asked about whether they have a permit or not. Applicant stated that yes they do. Had marked no on application because they didn’t think they needed to mark yes because this was for the purchase of a conveyor. Roger Walsh also asked why the shore conveyor is more expensive than other shore conveyors. Applicant presented a cost breakdown for 5 other options that they are interested in obtaining with the conveyor so this makes it more expensive.

14. Barge/Harvester Refurb (Browns)
Browns Lake is a very high volume lake. Barge has paddle wheels in back and hydraulic seats to fit under the bridges. Roger Walsh asked how many harvesters they have. Applicant stated that they have 2 harvesters, one barge and an unloader. Also
have a truck for workers and a dump truck.

15. Harvester/Trailer (Tri-Lakes)
Request is to purchase a 6 ft. harvester to use on the channels and fingers of Camelot Lake and a trailer to haul the harvester. Jim Rooney asked how wide the channels are. Applicant stated that the channels are about 100 ft. wide. Roger Walsh asked if they have launch fees. Applicant replied, yes.

16. Harvester (Rolling Stone)
Request is to replace a current harvester that is 26 years old. Roger Walsh asked about launch fees. Applicant stated that they only have a donation box in which they collected $125 last year.

Great Lakes
18. Menekaunee Harbor Dock & Restroom
Phase 3 for dock and restroom facility. Roger Walsh asked why this project was not split up to another phase since both phase 1 & 2 at approximately $400,000 per phase for total phase project. Applicant stated that their funding for Tax Incremental Fund (TIF) will end and so that is driving the higher request ($880,914) for phase 3. Concern for repeated requests from applicant when there are other deserving projects. Lee Van Zeeland asked if there was going to be a charge for using the transient docks. Applicant stated that yes there will be a charge to pay for docking and this money will go back into maintenance. Jim Rooney asked about restroom facilities because this one is rather expensive compared to other projects. Applicant stated that the costs came from the engineer’s findings on the cost of construction of this restroom. There are no restroom facilities currently on site. Phase 2 was completed in Nov. 2016 and when site is opened there will be a port-a-potty until restroom is constructed. Lee Van Zeeland asked if there were docks on the south side of the channel (from a master plan map). Applicant stated that no that was
just a conceptual plan. Those docks may or may not ever be developed. Roger Walsh asked if they plan to raise their $3 launch fee. Applicant stated that it is being looked at along with the transient dock fee. Maureen Kinney asked if this restroom is flush. Applicant responded that yes it is a flush restroom and they chose that because this area will be a popular area so want to have a facility that will hold up to the use.

19. Ellison Bay Harbor of Refuge Rehab
Degraded metal sheet piling. Two damaged sections from storm water sewer breech may be due to Pioneer Store explosion but cannot say. Replace unsturdy docks that have A-Frame structures that were originally from Ephraim harbor. Jim Rooney asked if any of these dock areas are rented. Applicant stated that there are 9 rentals and 6 transient. Jim Rooney and Lee Van Zeeland voiced concern over the rentals and stated that they have not funded rentals in the past. They also voiced concern for the finger pier dock replacement since it will not allow for adequate transient boat dockage. Roger Walsh proposed that they remove $22,378 for these dock repairs from project.

Wills Park is now owned by Liberty Grove. Encourage Kayakers to launch there since there is a gradual slope to Green Bay.

20.- 22. Saxon Harbor Reconstruction and Dredging
Storm in July 2016 damaged half the campground and destroyed the marina in a 1500 year flood event. Docking area allowed for 70 boats and six boats were sunk. FEMA is helping with 50% of rebuilding the harbor and other facilities. Dredging: Two projects: FEMA will pay for 87.5% and so are seeking 12.5%. For Army Corp of Engineers project seeking 50%. Jim Rooney asked
about rerouting the creek. Applicant indicated that rerouting of Parker Creek is cost prohibitive due to $2-4 million cost. FEMA and WI Emergency Mgmt. would not help to pay for the rerouting. The creek will continue to flow through harbor. Past storm events have not caused problems. Question from Maureen Kinney regarding last 100 year storm event was not answered.

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|                                       | Recommendations for project funding | Weed Harvesters  
Motion by Roger Walsh for six harvesting projects be deferred until the August 2017 meeting. In return, the Commission agrees to fund those six projects and other projects sent to the DNR offices before January 1, 2017 at 35% (this includes the Lake Noquebay project submitted on November 1, 2016 and shown on the Jan 10 meeting but crossed out from the project listing and a Pewaukee Harvester Project). Roger Walsh further directed Bobbi Winebar not to accept other weed harvester applications for the August 2017 funding meeting. Further that the refurbishing of the Browns Lake rehab of their old lake Weed Harvester be funded at this meeting at 35% of the total project cost of $25,972.06 for a total grant of $9,090. Second by Dave Kedrowski. Motion carried. |
|                                       |                                       | Maureen Kinney would like to make note that she is uncomfortable that the Commission previously set a guideline for funding weed harvesters at 20% and the sponsors are agreeing to delay funding now until August 2017 with a guarantee of 35% funding at that |
Inland Lakes
Motion by Roger Walsh to defer the Glen Loch project and asking the DNR to confer with DNR legal staff to determine if this is considered a motorized lake. Second by Maureen Kinney. Motion carried.

Lee Van Zeeland asked “What is the concern?” Roger believes that this is a canoe/kayak lake. Lake is under 50 acres. It could be a slow no wake and this is the question for DNR legal staff. Roger further asked the applicant to look at their proposal and reconsider the access road funding request when they come for funding in August 2017. Commission has requested other applicants to consider this in the past so RBF money is not used to fund road work.

Jim Rooney asked for motion to divide the discretionary funding equally between Inland Lakes and Great Lakes ($290,000 each). Motion by Dave Kedrowski. Second by Roger Walsh. Motion carried.

Roger Walsh provided an update from Bruce Neeb for the #7 Project Chippewa Hallie Landing (AMEND) that the total project cost on the rating/ranking list was incorrect and should be $44,642 with the requested funds being $23,172. Original total project cost on the rating/ranking sheet is the overall total project cost.

Inland Lakes

2 Lussier County Park Boat Launch - $225,000
Motion by Roger Walsh to issue a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $225,000.
3  Section 11 Boat Launch - $153,167.50
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $153,167.50. Second by Lee Van Zeeland. Motion carried.

4  White Lake Launch Ramp Replace & Dev - $30,250
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $30,250. Second by Dave Kedrowski. Motion carried.

5  Shaw’s Landing New Restroom Dev - $18,000
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $18,000. Second by Lee Van Zeeland. Motion carried.

6  New London Riverwall & Trans. Docking - $287,988
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $287,988. Second by Maureen Kinney. Motion carried.

7  Chippewa Hallie Landing (AMEND) - $22,320
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $23,172. Second by Lee Van Zeeland. Motion carried.

8  East Shore Landing Parking Lot Rehab - $11,125
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $11,125. Second by Dave Kedrowski. Motion carried.

9  Little Wolf River Restroom Replacement - $17,500
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $17,500. Second by Lee Van Zeeland. Motion carried.
Dredging
10 Eagle Lake Nav. Channel Dredging (AMEND) - $5,829
Motion by Roger Walsh to issue a grant for Eagle Lake Nav. Channel Dredging for 48% of additional cost to a maximum of $5,829. Second by Maureen Kinney. Motion carried.

Harvesters
Harvester projects deferred to August 2017 funding meeting. Projects to be funded at 35%.
11 Harvester/Conveyor (Delavan) - $95,167
12 Harvester (Delafield) - $85,000
13 Shore Conveyor (Whitewater & Rice) - $29,193
14 Barge/Harvester Refurb (Browns) – 112,358
Brown Lake was granted $9,090 for the refurbishing portion of their project. The rest was deferred to Aug. 2017.
15 Harvester/Trailer (Tri-Lakes) - $81,200
16 Harvester (Rolling Stone) - $66,540

Great Lakes
17 5th Street Launch ADA Chair Lift - $13,250
Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of the total project costs not to exceed $13,250. Second by Dave Kedrowski. Motion carried.
18 Menekaunee Harbor Dock & Restroom - $440,457
Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $440,457. Second by Maureen Kinney. Motion carried.
19 Ellison Bay Harbor of Refuge Rehab - $107,303
Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant of 50% of total project costs, but to reduce the total project costs by $22,378 for a total project cost not to exceed $96,114. Second by Dave Kedrowski. Motion carried.
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|   | 20 Saxon Harbor Reconstruction - $187,543  
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $187,543.  
   Second by Lee Van Zeeland. **Motion carried.** |   |
|   | 21 Saxon Harbor Dredging (FEMA) - $66,942  
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant at 12.5% of total project costs not to exceed $66,942.  
   Second by Dave Kedrowski. **Motion carried.** |   |
|   | 22 Saxon Harbor Dredging (Army Corps) - $71,968  
   Motion by Roger Walsh to approve a grant for 50% of total project costs not to exceed $71,968.  
   Second by Lee Van Zeeland. **Motion carried.** |   |
| 5. Public Comments |   | No public comments. |
| 6. Next Meeting/Location |   | Jim Rooney said that at this point we do not need to meet in April 2017. We have approximately $30,000 remaining in funding for the state fiscal year 2017 ending, June 30, 2017. These funds can be used for small projects or NAV Aids that come in between now and June 30, 2017. |
| 7. Adjournment |   | Motion by Roger Walsh, second by Lee Van Zeeland to adjourn at 2:05 pm. **Motion carried.** |