

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

April 14, 2020

Conference Call
Meeting Minutes Recorded: Cheryl Housley

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh, Ralph Brzezinski, Lee Van Zeeland, Jan Allman and Bruce Neeb</p> <p>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Sara deBruijn, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, Gina Keenan, Ed Slaminski, Chris Halbur, Mary Rothenmaier, Faith Murray, applicants and members of the public.</p>	Meeting called at 8:39 AM by Roger Walsh. Roger Walsh introduced Jan Allman and Bruce Neeb, the two new commissioners.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of January 14, 2020	Motion by Ralph Brzezinski, seconded by Lee Van Zeeland to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<p>Correction on Budget sheet “Amount available for April 2020 Meeting” instead of 2019.</p> <p>Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that we have a total appropriation of \$2,900,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregated Fee Funding: \$400,000 plus \$291,356 rolled over from SFY2019 • Stewardship Bonding Funds: \$2,500,000 • No enumerations from legislature. • Previous small projects, navigational aids and project commitments: \$2,408,173.68. • Total funds available this meeting: \$783,181.95.

	<p>4. Recreational Boating Project and Action</p>	<p>A. Projects and funding requests at this meeting:</p> <p>INLAND LAKES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Waupun Shaler Park ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch, \$11,805 (35%) 2. Village of Couderay ADA Paddlecraft Site and Parking Area, \$18,886 (50%) 3. Town of Radisson ADA Paddlecraft Site and Parking Area, \$34,098 (50%) 4. City of La Crosse Veteran's Freedom Park All-Abilities Kayak/Canoe Launch, \$28,855 (50%) 5. Village of Lake Nebagamon Ramp Replacement, \$84,209 (50%) 6. Village of Winneconne Lake Winneconne Park Seawall Improvements-North, \$95,000 (50%) 7. City of New Richmond Mary Park Launch – Amendment, \$56,067 (30%) 8. Town of Riverview Maiden Lake Boarding Dock – Amendment, \$4,961 (50%) 9. Town of Presque Isle Little Horsehead Lake Launch Improvements, \$61,722.50 (50%) 10. Fond du Lac County Wolf Lake Dock Reconstruction, \$8,500 (50%) 11. Town of Phelps Kentuck Lake Landing Ramp Replacement, \$22,203 (50%) <p>Harvesters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Wind Lake Management District Harvester & Trailer 13. Phantom Lake Management District Harvester Refurbish 14. Apple River Protection and Rehabilitation District Harvester, Conveyor, and Wash Down Pump & Hose 	<p>Project presentations:</p> <p>INLAND LAKES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Waupun Shaler Park ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch – This canoe/kayak launch was part of their comprehensive plan that they approved in 2018. The mill pond is part of the Rock River so very scenic location. Bruce Neeb asked about ADA pathways to the dock. There are 4 parking stalls near the launch site and one will be designated as ADA. Roger Walsh asked about motorized access and launch fee. It has not been discussed at this point. Bruce Neeb asked about what looks like is an undeveloped launch just south of this site from the aerial photo. The fire dept. used it for testing their boats. Ralph Brzezinski asked about launching at the dam. Original proposal was for one below the dam and one above the dam. They chose this site to avoid having to go around the dam for most users. 2. Village of Couderay ADA Paddlecraft Site and Parking Area – Matt Wolter, DNR Fisheries Biologist, working with this small community along the river to get more access points to the river. There is a sturgeon rehabilitation project on this river. Ralph Brzezinski asked about distance between these launches. It is about 5.2 miles – a half day paddle. Roger Walsh asked about difference in costs between the two projects. The Radisson project also includes piers which will function as a boardwalk to get to the launch that will bridge the
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			<p>about motorized use of the transient docks. There are 3 slips for motorized boat use.</p> <p>5. Village of Lake Nebagamon Ramp Replacement – Project is to replace the existing boat launch w/ADA compliant dock and walkway. Existing was put in about 50 years ago. In 2018, launch received damage from storm. Also having issues with people powerloading. Very popular lake. Walleye stocking has taken place on this lake. Lake Association is very active in promoting the Healthy Lakes Initiative. Jan Allman asked about possible flooding and drought conditions with the launch. They have designed “L” shaped concrete planks to help with these possible scenarios. Ralph Brzezinski asked about parking. There are parking areas at Ravine park and parking along the street. There is ADA parking designated on the street and more parking about 2 blocks away. Ralph Brzezinski asked if residents are okay with this. No complaints on this.</p> <p>6. Village of Winneconne Lake Winneconne Park Seawall Improvements-North – Replace seawall and ADA walkway at parking area. This launch serves Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan and Lake Butte des Morts. Received a grant a couple of years ago that fixed the other portion of the seawall. Ralph Brzezinski asked if they were going to use pounded sheet pile. Yes.</p>
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			<p>completely renovate the launch. This includes designating an ADA parking spot and redirecting runoff to keep from erosion happening. Ralph Brzezinski asked about how they are going to redirect the runoff. The CTY B road is right next to the launch and this road is going to be redone so the redirecting is going to be done at the same time as the road is redone. Putting in an infiltration ditch. Lee Van Zeeland asked about the possibility of them coming back for more funding. Annie Loechler stated that it is a possibility. Jan Allman asked about fees. They don't plan on having a required fee but may put in a donation box. Ralph Brzezinski asked about the small amount only designated for erosion control. There are other items on the cost estimate worksheet that are all part of this control.</p> <p>10. Fond du Lac County Wolf Lake Dock Reconstruction – Boat dock was damaged by ice shoves in 2018-19 season. Only one public access to this lake and current pier was constructed in 1995.</p> <p>11. Town of Phelps Kentuck Lake Landing Ramp Replacement – Originally planned to do the project themselves but after getting quotes realized that they couldn't afford to do it themselves. They have had some ice damage in the past.</p> <p>Harvesters</p>
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			<p>parking spaces. One other public landing in the City of Amery doesn't get used much. Lee Van Zeeland asked about primary users. Mainly the residents but they do have a fair number of recreational fishermen that use this lake. Ralph Brzezinski asked if they plan to use both harvesters running this summer. Yes, they'd keep the smaller one on the upper part.</p> <p>15. Village of Iola Harvester, Elevator, Trailer & GPS Unit – Lake gets very weedy in the summer which causes navigation to be almost impossible. Gets a lot of use from fishermen. Purchasing a 20 plus year old used harvester from their former contractor. Lake District will lease harvester from the Village. There are 4 access points but only one has parking. There are about 12 parking spaces at the one launch. Bruce Neeb asked about stainless steel hull. It has a carbon steel hull and should be able to be used for many years with care.</p> <p>16. Bloomer Community Lake Association Harvester Repair and Equipment Upgrade – Plan to refurbish a harvester that was purchased last year. Public landing on Lake Como is on left side of the lake with 8-9 parking spots. Have other access points. Purchased used harvester from Rice Lake protection district. Used both by</p>
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		<p>Finding of Feasibility</p> <p>Project placement on priority list</p> <p>Recommendation for project funding</p>	<p>residents on the lake and community members. Leased a harvester to see if it would work on controlling the weeds and saw that it made a great improvement so decided to purchase a harvester. Roger Walsh asked if they got a grant for the purchase of the harvester. No, they took out a loan and the city provided funding to purchase the used harvester. Bruce Neeb asked the age of the harvester. Was purchased by Rice Lake brand new in mid-1990's. Bruce Neeb asked about hull. It is a stainless steel barge underneath that was very well maintained.</p> <p>Ralph Brzezinski motioned to find all projects feasible. Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Lee Van Zeeland motioned to approve the project placement on the priority list. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ralph Brzezinski made a motion to fund:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Waupun Shaler Park ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch - not to exceed \$11,805.15 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. 2. Village of Couderay ADA Paddlecraft Site and Parking Area - not to exceed \$13,220.20 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried.
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			<p>exceed \$61,722.50 (50% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>10. Fond du Lac County Wolf Lake Dock Reconstruction - not to exceed \$8,500 (50% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>11. Town of Phelps Kentuck Lake Landing Ramp Replacement - not to exceed \$22,203 (50% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>12. Wind Lake Management District Harvester & Trailer Replacement - not to exceed \$82,503.75 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>13. Phantom Lake Management District Harvester Refurbish - not to exceed \$5,700.00 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>14. Apple River Protection and Rehabilitation District Harvester, Conveyor, Wash Down Pump & Hose - not to exceed \$77,464.80 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>15. Village of Iola Harvester, Elevator, Trailer & GPS Unit - not to exceed</p>
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			<p>\$18,864.75 (35% of total project costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>16. Bloomer Community Lake Association Harvester Repair and Equipment Upgrade - not to exceed \$18,683.00 (35% of requested project total costs). Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ralph Brzezinski made a motion to go back and fund 2% to each of the projects in the 1st Qtr funding meeting that was held on August 13, 2020. All projects are still open and active. Lee Van Zeeland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The chairman, Roger Walsh proposed discussing increasing the awards for the projects that were funded at 35% up to 50% with the available funds in this grant program. A heated discussion ensued amongst the commissioners. No motion was made. No action was taken.</p>
	<p>6. Public Comments</p>		<p>Jim Jonasen, Lake Nebegamon. Stated that they have a rain garden/water runoff part of a project that was not funded by the Surface Water Grant program that could be added to this RBF project if extra funds available. It was decided that it wasn't part of the original application, so couldn't be considered at this meeting.</p> <p>John Bertelson, Lake Iola. If project was funded at 50% it would save on taxpayer money locally.</p>

			Chris Halbur, DNR – Discussion at a future meeting: at 1 st quarter meeting try to avoid reducing by a percent for all projects. The other item is to only fund large expensive projects with a grant request over \$250,000 at the August meeting and possibly at an October/November meeting and have the policy meeting in January. Roger Walsh explained that the reduction of the 2% for the first quarter projects was due to the amount of funding available at that time in the Inland Lakes pot.
	7. Next Meetings/Locations		August 18, 2020 - Location TBD; Application deadline is June 1, 2020 Sept/Oct/Nov Policy Meeting & Possible Tour or Funding Meeting if there are any projects requesting ≥\$250,000 – Location TBD January 12, 2021 – Funding meeting or Possible Policy Mtg (if not held in fall 2020) - Location TBD April 13, 2021 - Location TBD (if funding still available)
	8. Adjournment		Motion by Ralph Brzezinski to adjourn at 11:53 a.m., seconded by Lee Van Zeeland. Motion carried unanimously.