

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

April 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes Recorded: Cheryl Housley & Mary Rothenmaier

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh, Jan Allman, and Bruce Neeb</p> <p>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Sara deBruijn, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, Gina Keenan, Chris Halbur, Mary Rothenmaier, Faith Murray, Annie Loechler, Karen Blodgett, Cathy Burrow, applicants and members of the public.</p>	Meeting called at 8:30 AM by Roger Walsh.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of January 12, 2021	Motion by Jan Allman, seconded by Bruce Neeb to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<p>Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that we had a total appropriation of \$2,900,000 plus \$691,474 of SEG carryover for a total balance of \$3,591,474 for SFY2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enumerations from legislature. • Total funding commitments thus far: \$3,025,980. • Total funds available this meeting: \$565,494 which consists of \$75,020 from the Inland Lakes pot and \$490,474 from the Great Lakes pot which were combined on April 1, 2021. <p>Roger Walsh noted the \$601K presently held at JFC due to an objection. Jan Allman asked why it was objected to, Bobbi explained that DNR is not always told why. Roger Walsh explained we will need to take this pending \$601K into consideration.</p>

	<p>4. Recreational Boating Project and Action</p>	<p>A. Projects and funding requests at this meeting: INLAND LAKES</p> <p>Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Hudson Lakefront Park Boat Launch Improvements, \$250,000 (16%) 2. City of Tomah Winnebago Park Boat Launch Renovation, \$242,304.30 (50%) 3. Village of Stoddard Boat Landing Transient Dock Installation, \$8,480 (50%) 4. Burnett County Devils Lake Public Access Parking Area, \$176,650 (50%) 5. Town of Elcho Upper Post Lake Boat Landing Improvements, \$141,831 (50%) - Withdrawn 6. Door County Carmody County Park ADA Kayak Launch, \$12,165 (33%) 7. City of Weyauwega Peterson Park ADA Kayak Launch, \$25,593 (35%) 8. Waukesha County Forestry & Parks Pewaukee Lake Boat Launch Reconstruction, \$124,292 (50%) <p>Channel Dredging:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District McDill Lake Channel Dredging, \$245,000 (49.8%) <p>Harvesting Equipment:</p>	<p>Project presentations: INLAND LAKES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Hudson Lakefront Park Boat Launch Improvements: Mike Morz, Public Works Director – there is a substantial increase of use on the St. Croix River and they have had to close the launch for about 30-35 days due to high water levels. Applicant’s request is for raising the level of the launch and expanding the parking lot to include 13 additional car/trailer and 5 single car parking spots. Total cost is 1.5 million. Requesting \$250K. Bruce Neeb asked about permit status, Tim Wagner (Foth), Army Corp issued, DNR waterways permit pending and wrapping up final details. Jan Allman asked about water displacement analysis. Mike indicated that was analysis completed. Jan Allman asked about funding of 16% and city felt this amount would be received. Chris Halbur discussed JFC policy and permit policy 2. City of Tomah Winnebago Park Boat Launch Renovation: Joe Protz, Parks and Recreation Director: plan to relocate launch to southern end of park for better traffic flow, expand parking, improve ADA accessibility, and add an ADA restroom facility. Bruce Neeb asked about excavation/demo cost, Joe indicated it was in mobilization and removal. Roger Walsh asked about cost of restroom of \$117K. City included 75% of restroom cost in the budget. Roger Walsh asked about type of structure. Joe responded that it has Men/Women & family designated toilets. Jan Allman
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	<p>5. Policy Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-share Percentages for Weed Harvesting Equipment and Canoe/Kayak Launches: 	<p>Cost-share Percentages for Weed Harvesting Equipment and Canoe/Kayak Launches:</p> <p>Harvesters: Roger Walsh gave background on previous policy for funding of harvesters: previous commissioner did not like funding harvesters. Debate resulted in 35% policy for WWC. NR code allows up to 50%. Roger Walsh would support change to 50%.</p> <p>Canoe/Kayak: Bruce Neeb gave background on canoe/kayak launches and why they previously weren't funded: no gas tax associated = no revenue. NR code allows up to 50%. Jan Allman and Bobbi presented changes in trends for paddlecraft use. RBF funds no longer sourced from gas tax. They come from stewardship. Bruce Neeb stated he feels that there is enough public demand to support a 50% cost share.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to increase the cost share for harvester projects and associated costs to 50% or if</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Dredging Precedence 	<p>eligible/appropriate to 80%, Jan Allman second. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Bruce Neeb made a motion to increase the cost share for canoe/kayak launch projects and associated costs to 50% or if eligible/appropriate to 80%, Jan Allman second. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jan Allman made a motion to make the above two cost-share motions effective at time of application June 1, 2021, Bruce Neeb second. Motion carried unanimously. This motion was changed in the Unassigned Funding Section.</p> <p>Channel Dredging Precedence:</p> <p>Bobbi & Chris provided background: current precedence has been to fund dredging from the launch to the main channel or public transient boating area to main channel. These projects are very expensive and funding is limited. Jan Allman supported present policy. Bruce Neeb asked about channel dredge to popular angling site. Chris explained definition of "main channel" is still necessary. Roger Walsh recommended that Bobbi and Chris draft a policy prior to next meeting for WWC review and discussion. Annie asked question about dredging a channel/connection between two lakes. Roger Walsh and Bruce Neeb requested Bobbi and Chris to also work on adding language to the policy for dredging a channel/connection between two lakes.</p>
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			<p>canoe/kayak launches to July 1, 2020 and to increase the cost share percentages for all previously funded projects for fiscal year 2021 that were funded at 35% to expend the remaining funds. Roger Walsh seconded. Bruce Neeb asked questions about cost amendment process timing. Bobbi and Chris both mentioned the extent of work that this would add to the grants staff time to do the cost amendments. Roger Walsh and Jan Allman voted Aye. Bruce Neeb voted Nay. Motion carried.</p> <p>Bobbi will put a spreadsheet together to send to the commissioners and grants staff showing the maximum cost share that can be added to the current open funded projects from fiscal year 2021.</p>
	6. Public Comments		<p>From Zoom Chat: From Jeremy Schroeder to Everyone: Thank you very much for the grant award. We are very grateful to offer our citizen's another opportunity to better their quality of life.</p> <p>Applicants: Floyd, Stan, Krista, Jason, express gratitude to WWC for funding.</p>
	7. Next Meetings/Locations		<p>August 10, 2021 – Format TBD November 9, 2021 – Format TBD January 11, 2022 – Format TBD April 12, 2022 – Format TBD</p>
	8. Adjournment		<p>Motion by Bruce Neeb to adjourn at 12:20PM., seconded by Jan Allman. Motion carried unanimously.</p>