

**WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD**

**August 8, 2023**

In Person & Zoom Meeting  
Meeting Minutes Recorded: Pat Anderson

| Presenter/<br>Time | Agenda Item  | Key Points   | Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments  |
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| 8:30 AM            | <b>1. Call to Order</b>                                  | <p><b>Members Present:</b> Chair, RW (RW), Co-Chair BN (BN), and KD (KD); Absent: Jan Allman (JA)</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> BW (BW), Sara deBruijn (SD), Jessica Terrien (JT), Gina Keenan (GK), Pat Anderson (PA), Jeremy Holtz (JH) applicants and members of the public.</p>  | Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by RW.  |
|                    | <b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>      | Minutes of April 11, 2023  | Motion by BN, seconded by KD to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
|                    | <b>3. Department Report</b>                              | Fund Condition (see attached budget)   | <p>BW presented the budget indicating that we started with a total appropriation of \$3,400,000 for SFY2024 plus \$0.50 carryover from SEG funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No enumerations from legislature.</li> <li>• Total funding commitments thus far: \$6,429.19.</li> <li>• Total funds available this meeting: \$3,393,571.31.</li> </ul>  |
|                    | <b>4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action</b> | <p>Projects and funding requests at this meeting:</p> <p><b>INLAND PROJECTS</b></p> <p><b>Category: Development &amp; Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rock Koshkonong Lake District, Lake Koshkonong Navigational Aids, Grant Request \$11,160.75</li> </ol> | <p>Project presentations:</p> <p><b>INLAND &amp; GREAT LAKES PROJECTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rock Koshkonong Lake District, Lake Koshkonong Navigational Aids: Project includes replacing waterway markers. Many of the current navigational aids are in need of repair, so purchasing new was most cost effective. Total project costs were over \$15,000 so that is why this navigational aids project needed to be presented to the commission.</li> <li>2. City of Oconomowoc Lac La Belle Boat Launch Renovation: Currently only public access on the</li> </ol> |

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|  |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. City of Oconomowoc Lac La Belle Boat Launch Renovation, Grant Request \$1,020,000.00</li> <li>3. Juneau County American Legion Baraboo River Kayak Launch, Grant Request \$17,500</li> <li>4. Jefferson County Parks Burnt Village ADA Boat/Kayak Launch, Grant Request \$14,009.25</li> <li>5. Town of Winneconne Butte des Morts Launch Reconstruction, Grant Request \$94,500.00</li> <li>6. Eau Claire County Lake Eau Claire North Landing Rehabilitation, Grant Request \$46,651.25</li> <li>7. City of Sheboygan Falls ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch Cost Amendment, Grant Request \$33,156.50</li> <li>8. Town of Nashville Crane Lake Boat Ramp Repair, Grant Request \$14,030.29</li> <li>9. Town of Almena East Lower Turtle Lake Boat Landing, Grant Request \$11,097.09</li> <li>10. Waterford Waterway Management District Dock Project, Grant Request \$16,800.00</li> <li>11. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Renovation, Grant Request \$1,020,000.00</li> </ol> | <p>lake. Project includes designating 18 parking spaces for trailers/vehicles because there is currently parking for vehicles only. Launch will be elevated to prevent flooding, dividing park from boat launch to prevent pedestrian/traffic conflicts and adding restroom facility. ADA parking is located on most level area of parking lot for easier access to sidewalks while maintaining 2% cross slope. Street parking for vehicle/trailer will also be incorporated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Juneau County American Legion Baraboo River Kayak Launch: Project includes developing canoe/kayak launch on the river. They have a 25-year recreational easement to develop the property. Utilizing old roadbed for access turnaround will be kept at a minimum due to wetland areas. Parking is limited due to site conditions and approximately 900' from launch on gravel surface. Road is designed to NRCS access road standards. Applicant is open to possibility of adding ADA parking closer to launch and adding crushed limestone to surface. Do not believe they would require new permits if added. Water bar is positioned to allow water to escape to the East into the wetland.</li> <li>4. Jefferson County Parks Burnt Village ADA Boat/Kayak Launch: Project includes installing a boat/kayak launch on park property. Closest ADA launches are 6.8 miles upstream and 7 miles downstream. Recycled blacktop to be compacted for ADA access along with 1 ADA parking site. Riprap will also be added to shoreline.</li> <li>5. Town of Winneconne Butte des Morts Launch Reconstruction: Existing boat launch is ~35' long and failing. Larger boats are having issues loading and power loading has created a large hole at the end of the ramp. Project includes replacing just the concrete ramp, docks would remain. Ramp would be lengthened ~10'. Riprap at toe would be one</li> </ol> |
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|  |  | <p>12. City of Menomonie Point Comfort Launch Ramp &amp; Parking Lot Reconstruction, Grant Request \$249,175.00</p> <p>13. Clark County Rock Dam Lake Launch Improvements, Grant Request \$84,769.00</p> <p>14. City of Fond du Lac Lakeside West Boat Landing, Grant Request \$50,000.00</p> <p>15. Manitowoc County Carsten's Lake Boarding Dock &amp; Access Paving, Grant Request \$48,234.50</p> <p>16. City of De Pere Voyageur Park Canoe/Kayak Launch Development, Grant Request \$20,427.00</p> <p>17. City of Bloomer Lake Como Kayak Launch, Grant Request \$29,362.50</p> <p>18. Town of Oma Pine Lake Launch Restroom Upgrades, Grant Request \$10,616.56</p> <p>19. Village of Pleasant Prairie Lake Andrea Launch Improvements, Grant Request \$8,640.00</p> <p>20. Town of Upham Summit Lake Boat Launch Rehabilitation, Grant Request \$50,500.00</p> <p>21. Village of White Lake Village Beach Park Boat Launch Improvements, Grant Request \$175,167.60</p> | <p>foot. Ramp is underwater ~40' of the length. Annual water level fluctuations from the Army Corps will be taken into to enable constant length. Recommend by KD to talk with local fire rescue to see if rescue boats have any suggestions for length. Parking is along roadway and unaware of complaints from nearby landowners. No ADA parking currently but will add ADA vehicle parking spot with access to dock on west side. Next access with ADA compliant launch would be in Winneconne.</p> <p>6. Eau Claire County Lake Eau Claire North Landing Rehabilitation: Landing approach ramps are damaged with several holes from power loading and ice upheaval. Patching has been done over the years to mitigate damages. Project includes extending the launch by 8' and adding a riprap toe to alleviate power loading issues. Shelter and restroom facilities will also be added. County has used own money to install an ADA chair lift on the dock. Underwater ramp length ~30'. Picnic tables users would be boaters as the rest of the site is not developed. BW indicated that the shelter is not eligible for funding. Applicant indicated that the shelter cost is ~\$18,500. Cost share reduced by \$9,250 for removal of shelter from scope. New cost share \$37,401.25.</p> <p>7. City of Sheboygan Falls ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch Cost Amendment: Fundraising failed extending the timeline and raising costs. Project is for development of an ADA launch on the Sheboygan River. Original estimate was low based on concrete costs at the time of original application submittal. Parking area will be redesigned adding ADA and 4 vehicle/trailer parking. Slope of ramp was designed not to go into river at a maximum of 15% slope. Have raised some monies but applicant has committed funds as well.</p> |
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|  |  | <p><b>Category: Aquatic Plant Harvesting Equipment</b></p> <p>22. Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition, Grant Request \$134,950.00</p> <p>23. Phantom Lakes Management District, Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition, Grant Request \$133,107.50</p> <p>24. Rice Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer, Grant Request \$131,379.50</p> <p>25. City of Stevens Point Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Grant Request \$124,500.00</p> <p><b>GREAT LAKES</b></p> <p><b>Category: Development &amp; Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order</b></p> <p>26. Brown County H.J. DeBaker Eagles Nest Park &amp; Boat Launch, Grant Request \$202,708.00</p> <p>27. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment, Grant Request \$1,020,000.00</p> | <p>8. Town of Nashville Crane Lake Boat Ramp Repair: Project includes repairing and making long-term improvements to the launch. This includes adding gravel and crowning the surface to allow drainage towards vegetation and not the lake. Power loading has created a hole which will be filled in and new concrete plank launch will be installed. Grade will be decreased on launch. Approximately 30' of ramp would be underwater to go past current power loading hole. BN suggested that the applicant look into the best size of riprap to be used at toe of ramp.</p> <p>9. Town of Almena East Lower Turtle Lake Boat Landing: Landing is currently 20' long with a hole from power loading. Project includes removing the current ramp and adding a 32' ramp with 8' of riprap at the toe. One ADA parking space would be available on site and roadway parking also available. Angle of ramp will be improved so that it will 5' deep at end of ramp, to help prevent power loading. Dock is still in good condition.</p> <p>10. Waterford Waterway Management District Dock Project: Project includes adding an additional ADA dock. Single dock cannot match demand as nearby private marina closed their public access. Two public accesses are approximately 6 miles apart. Concrete approach. There is a MOU between WWMD and Village of Waterford.</p> <p>11. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Renovation: Currently have to drive through the park to get to the boat launch as well as park users going through the boat launch leaving the park. This project includes separating the park access from the launch access. It will also increase functionality and ADA accessibility to the launch. Proposing to have 6 launch ramps. Grading from parking areas would go into drainage basins.</p> |
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|  |  |  | <p>Existing ramp and pavement are in disrepair. Plan to add 54 car/trailer stalls and 15 vehicle stalls. Ramp grade will be increased to 12.5% and extended out ~40' to accommodate a 4' depth at end of ramp. Vegetive buffer would be added to shoreline.</p> <p>12. City of Menomonie Point Comfort Launch Ramp &amp; Parking Lot Reconstruction: Renovation would include ADA accessibility as well as stormwater infiltration. There will be 20 vehicle/trailer parking stalls as well as 1 ADA parking stall. Courtesy docks and monolithic 40' slab ramp will be installed. Storm runoff would be routed to rain gardens.</p> <p>13. Clark County Rock Dam Lake Launch Improvements: Currently no ADA facilities. Project includes installing a boarding dock with a boarding assist handrail along with an ADA parking spot. Restriping of parking lot will maximize space available. Poured monolithic slab will be added to launch.</p> <p>14. City of Fond du Lac Lakeside West Boat Landing: Project includes removing and replacing current asphalt on access road to launch. There are 12 launch lanes and 148 parking stalls at this launch. Current asphalt is approximately 25 years old.</p> <p>15. Manitowoc County Carsten's Lake Boarding Dock &amp; Access Paving: Project includes adding a new floating boarding dock (fishing pad not included in grant) and pave parking area. New pavement would allow striping of parking area to allow for ADA parking. Land use and impervious surface would only require County permits as it would not expand over current area. Per applicant boarding dock should not have issues with boats and fishermen.</p> |
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|  |  |  | <p>16. City of De Pere Voyageur Park Canoe/Kayak Launch Development: Provide access to Fox River for paddle sports and separate power sports. There is no paddle sports facility north of the dam in the city of De Pere. It would be a walk-in facility with a drop-off location. There are 2 paved areas for walking down, shorter path is too steep for ADA, there is a longer walk for ADA accessibility ~250' walk from parking to drop-off area. From parking area, it is ~450-600'. KD stated that there is a launch at Heritage Hill State Park north of proposed launch with limited parking. New launch would be incorporated into current transient dock area.</p> <p>17. City of Bloomer Lake Como Kayak Launch: Only 1 boat landing in the city and the current dock is wooden. Project would remove old dock and replace with an ADA compliant dock and install an ADA kayak launch. The shore interface is the reason the costs are high. Parking area has 1 ADA and 6 vehicle/trailer parking spots. Single car parking is on roadway. Permit not required for sidewalk area per applicant.</p> <p>18. Town of Oma Pine Lake Launch Restroom Upgrades: Restroom facilities are ~50 years old and ~500' from the launch. Project includes installing a precast vault toilet facility closer to the launch at ~250' away. Due to geography, it is as close to boat launch as possible.</p> <p>19. Village of Pleasant Prairie Lake Andrea Launch Improvements: Replacing 20-year-old dock. Sara deBruijn presented the project and will be checking on dock width.</p> <p>20. Town of Upham Summit Lake Boat Launch Rehabilitation: Lake has 2 public boat launches: 1 County and 1 Town owned. Project would move launch off private property and on to public land.</p> |
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|  |  |  | <p>Dredge lake bottom to allow 3.5' of depth. Launch would be reconfigured to allow for a gravel area to be used for boat prep. Neighbors have threatened a lawsuit for adverse possession, but the launch would be in the Town ROW. There would be no parking area. Lawsuit has not been filed. There is no proposal for ADA compliance, but grade does not allow. Dredge costs are included in grading and excavation costs.</p> <p>21. Village of White Lake Village Beach Park Boat Launch Improvements: Applicant mentioned that medium riprap is classified as 5"-20" as an FYI to commissioners. Present parking area is not ADA and consists of parallel parking. The landing is from 1991 and too short. Erosion from power loading has caused a hole at the toe of the ramp. Launch fees are charged. Current docks are a repurposed pontoon and a donated dock neither meeting ADA standards. Project includes reconstructing the boat launch, dock, and parking to make all features ADA compliant. Ten parking stalls will be striped which would bring number of parking spots up to the max for the lake. There is no stormwater plan as the overall site would not change. Per MSA Chapter 30 permits not required, County permits and Village permits will be needed.</p> <p>22. Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Project is for replacing 27-year-old harvester. Removed in July from service and is beyond repair. Harvester will be used in both bodies of water. Launch fees are being charged as of 2016. AIS control: equipment is cleaned when removed from Rice Lake where it is normally stored. Bog material, from lake bottom, on Whitewater Lake is removed by clamshell barge, weed harvesting equipment is not used for this purpose.</p> |
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|  |  |  | <p>23. Phantom Lakes Management District, Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Project is for replacing 10' harvester and trailer purchased in 1994. They are cutting about 46 loads per day. Phantom lake is a chain of 2 lakes with the full chain included in the aquatic management plan.</p> <p>24. Rice Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer: Replacing harvester and trailer from 1994. They cut 60 acres of navigational lanes and 120 acres for AIS. This past April an ADA kayak launch was installed and parking spots were added at the launch.</p> <p>25. City of Stevens Point Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: City is not involved in day to day operations, but provide the equipment to the district. The 1992 harvester was damaged in a boating accident in Aug of 2022. Insurance was paid out but did not cover costs. The \$86,000 from insurance is being put towards the new harvester and is included in the local share. There are 2 landings on the pond. Village of Whiting launch has ADA parking whereas the City of Stevens Point launch does not have parking.</p> <p>26. Brown County H.J. DeBaker Eagles Nest Park &amp; Boat Launch: This project includes installing ADA boarding docks and kayak launch. Currently no launch on site. A boat wash station will also be installed. Project does not qualify for BIG.</p> <p>27. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment: Located on a Superfund Site. Project includes constructing a 2-bay boat launch. Current launch built in 1984 is not ADA compliance and the ramps are disintegrating. Larger boats are unable to launch at the current launch due to sedimentation problems from lake currents. Parking lot and bio-retention basins were finished in 2022</p> |
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|  |  |  | with previous RBF grant. Grant will be matched with City, ARPA and local donations. Launch needs to be over sheet pile wall to prevent cutting into the cap. There is only 18" of soil down to the cap.   |
|  |  | <b>Finding of Feasibility</b>              | <p>BN made a motion to find all projects feasible. KD seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Discussion: BN with caveat to have a policy discussion about ADA issues for funding projects that do not meet ADA standards.</p>   |
|  |  | <b>Project placement on priority list</b>  | <p>BN made a motion to approve the placement on the priority list as shown. KD seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Discussion: Add discussing ranking criteria at next policy meeting.</p>   |
|  |  | <b>Recommendations for project funding</b> | <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rock Koshkonong LD, Lake Koshkonong Navigational Aids for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$11,160.75, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ol> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. City of Oconomowoc Lac La Belle Boat Launch Renovation for 38% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$1,020,000.00 (CAP), BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ol> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Juneau County American Legion Baraboo River Kayak Launch for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$17,500, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ol> |

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|  |  | <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 48px; opacity: 0.3; transform: rotate(-30deg);">DRAFT</p> | <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>4. Jefferson County Parks Burnt Village ADA Boat/Kayak Launch for 50% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$14,009.25, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>5. Town of Winneconne Butte des Morts Boat Launch Reconstruction for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$94,500.00 KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>6. Eau Claire County Lake Eau Claire North Landing Rehabilitation for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$37,401.25 BN seconded. Request reduced due to removal of shelter. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>7. City of Sheboygan Falls Accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch Cost Amendment for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$33,156.50, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>8. Town of Nashville Crane Lake Boat Ramp Repair for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$14,030.29, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <p>9. City of Almena for East Lower Turtle Lake Boat Landing Restoration for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$11,097.09, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
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|  |  |  | <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 10. Waterford Waterway MD Fox River Dock Project for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$16,800.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 11. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Renovation for 44% of total project costs, not to exceed \$219,979.18 (CAP), KD seconded.<br/> Discussion: Applicant requested a higher funding amount, but grant awarded is the amount remaining in the fund minus \$20,000 for future small projects. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 22. Whitewater Rice Lakes Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$134,950.00, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 23. Phantom Lakes Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$133,107.50, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN Made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 24. Rice Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$131,379.50, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 25. City of Stevens Point Aquatic Plant Harvester &amp; Trailer for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$124,500.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
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|  |                                    |   | <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 26. Brown County H.J. DeBaker Eagles Nest Park &amp; Boat Launch for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$202,708.00, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:<br/> 27. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$700,000 (CAP), KD seconded. From City: Making the match will be hard to match. BN fairness to applicants and not enough money to fund all the projects that the 50% would be fair. Motion carried unanimously.</p> |
|  | <b>5. Public Comments</b>          |   | None  |
|  | <b>6. Next Meetings/ Locations</b> | Possibly add a policy discussion to the next scheduled funding meeting. | November 14, 2023; Location: TBD  |
|  | <b>7. Adjournment</b>              |   | Motion by BN to adjourn at 1:48 PM, seconded by KD. Motion carried unanimously.   |