

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

September 9, 2024

In Person & Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes Recorded: Ellie Crabb

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
10:00 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Chair, Roger Walsh (RW), Co-Chair Bruce Neeb (BN), Korin Doering (KD), Jan Allman (JA) and Mary McPhetridge (MM).</p> <p>Others Present: Bobbi Winebar (BW), Sara deBruijn (SD), Jessica Terrien (JT), Gina Keenan (GK), Pat Anderson (PA), Cheryl Housley (CH), Mary Rothenmaier (MR), Chris Halbur (CH), Danielle Block (CB), Ellie Crabb (EC), and Cathy Burrow (CB) applicants and members of the public.</p>	Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by RW.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of April 9, 2024	<p>Agenda repair: New Lake Superior Representative for the Waterways Commissioner from Ashland welcomed. Her name is Mary McPhetridge MM will recuse herself from voting on the project from Ashland being presented today.</p> <p>Motion by BN, seconded by KD to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	3. Department Report	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<p>BW presented the budget indicating that we started with a total appropriation of \$3,400,000 for SFY2025 No enumerations from legislature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total funding commitments thus far: \$35,629.04. • Total funds available this meeting: \$3,364,370.96. <p>RW makes motion to add discretionary funding amount to the inland projects due to large amount of requests for funding for inland lakes projects. BN seconds motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

	<p>4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action</p>	<p>Projects and funding requests at this meeting:</p> <p>INLAND PROJECTS</p> <p>Category: Development & Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking, Grant Request \$17,907.50 2. Town of Washington Boot lake Landing Rehabilitation, Grant Request \$30,745.00 3. Town of Milltown Antler Lake Boat Launch Replacement, Grant Request \$24,725.50 4. Forest County Forestry & Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations, Grant Request \$13,750.00 5. Jefferson county Parks Kanow Park ADA Boat/Kayak Launch, Grant Request \$15,284.50 6. City of Muskego Idle Isle Boat Launch Replacement, Grant Request \$150,000.00 7. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Reconstruction, Grant Request \$920,000.00 8. Douglas county Forestry Mooney Boat Launch Reconstruction, Grant Request \$102,650.00 	<p>Project presentations:</p> <p>INLAND & GREAT LAKES PROJECTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking: Purpose of project is to provide better access to boaters, to the park, and access to historic downtown area. Currently wrapping up major project to put in ADA parking spots, restroom facility, boat launch and fishing platform. Proposed project includes two new transient docks. Details include 4 slips, ADA complaint, open year-round and no fee to users. 2. Town of Washington Boot Lake Landing Rehabilitation: The community is currently unable to get boats in and out of Boot Lake due to the primitive boat landing. Project proposal includes installing a 32' x 6' boarding dock and installing riprap. Currently one ADA parking spot but will be expanded. Project proposal also includes a road for boat access to the dock. Project will not include a launch fee. RW proposes adding a launch fee to defer maintenance costs. 3. Town of Milltown Antler Lake Boat Launch Replacement: Deferred prior to meeting due to not having received their permit yet. 4. Forest County Forestry & Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations: Project proposal includes repairing and improving boat landing on Lake Metonga. Currently there is metal grading and is only 3' deep, making it hard for people with bunk trailers or pontoon trailers. Dock is currently ADA compliant. Power loading has caused a hole in the launch area, creating shallow conditions. Proposed replacement plan includes removing the old grating and placing and compacting crushed gravel for landing stabilization and riprap.
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		<p>Finding of Feasibility</p>	<p>JA made a motion to find all projects feasible. KD seconded motion. Motion not carried unanimously. JA, KD, RW all vote yes. BN votes present. MM to abstain from vote.</p> <p>Discussion: BN does not find some harvester projects feasible. BN finds trouble finding projects feasible if he can't confirm applicants are eligible. Public access is a requirement if a harvesting grant to be acquired.</p>

		<p>Project placement on priority list</p>	<p>BN made a motion to approve the placement on the priority list as shown. JA seconded. MP abstains. Motion carried.</p>
		<p>Recommendations for project funding</p>	<p>RW proposed funding Inland projects down to projects with a score of 11. Rest of projects who applied before June 1 will be funded with remaining balance for that funding pot.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking, Grant Request for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$17,907.50, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. <p>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Town of Washington Boot Lake Landing Rehabilitation for 50% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$30,745.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Forest County Forestry & Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$13,750.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Jefferson county Parks Kanow Park ADA Boat/Kayak Launch for 50% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$15,284.50, JA seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. <p>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. City of Muskego Idle Isle Boat Launch Replacement for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed

			<p>\$150,000.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for: 7. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Reconstruction for 40% of total project costs, not to exceed \$920,000.00, MM seconded. Request reduced due to removal of shelter. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>MM made a motion to approve a grant for: 8. Douglas county Forestry Mooney Boat Launch Reconstruction for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$102,650.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>BN made a motion to approve a grant for: 9. Town of Lake Mills Lower Rock Lake Rec Launch Reconstruction for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$97,535.00, JA seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>JA made a motion to approve a grant for: 10. Town of Dunkirk Millpond Paddlecraft Launch for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$38,750.00, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for: 11. Town of Taycheedah Fisherman's Rd Launch Restroom & Parking for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$95,500.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>MM made a motion to approve a grant for: 12. Manitowoc County Bullhead Lake Boarding Dock Replacement for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$16,731.66, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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			<p>seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>KD made a motion to approve a grant for: 20. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment for 64% of total project costs, not to exceed \$1,020,000.00, JA seconded. BN suggests funding 50% to keep additional money for later in the year to fund any additional projects. RW, KD, & JA vote to fund at 80%. MM abstains. Motion carried.</p> <p>MM made a motion to give projects that were presented and reviewed at the September 9th, 2024 meeting to be given priority placement for the April 2025 funding meeting. BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	5. Public Comments		<p>St. Croix County very thankful for funding opportunity. Fishermans Road Fishing Club also very thankful for funding opportunity.</p>
	6. Next Meetings/ Locations		<p>TBD; Location: TBD</p>
	7. Adjournment		<p>Motion by MM to adjourn at 2:48 PM, seconded by JA. Motion carried unanimously.</p>