

February 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approved

April 2, 2020



Advisory Committee

(appointed by Board of Directors)

Fox Waterway Agency
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Sweet

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

2.0 Roll Call

Chairman Sweet

Present: Randy Sweet, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Ken Fruh, Dan Shea, Pat Smarto, Al Golbach, Warren Moulis, and Chris Stochl

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Henry Reinke, Sue Draffkorn, Keith Carpenter, Judi Martini, Dan Mitchell

Excused: Dennis Leo, Tom Fernstrom

Others Present: Judy & Ron Thelin, Port Barrington Waterway Commission

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sweet

4.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of November 7, 2019 had no changes

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 7, 2019 as presented

Motion: Dan Shea

Second: Dave Corrigan

Motion carried

5.0 Reports

5.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that the DCEO grant project around the office shoreline has begun. Rip Rap is being placed, fuel tanks moving, piers going in. 30 acres of land has been purchased in Lake Zurich to process dredge spoils for reuse. They have a temporary use permit for 2 years and will be working on rezoning the parcel to light industrial. They are currently excavating the piles on Ackerman Island for reuse. Will start dredging near Sequoia Creek and have been taking advantage of the mild weather. They are renting to purchase a long reach piece of equipment from John Deere. They are shifting employees and adding some field staff including Part time General labor. It was noted that they are marketing the materials and have enough business for the limit of their capacity – no additional marketing needed.

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5.2 Regional

Discussion: The lower river was very low. The lakes are about 8" down from summer pool.

5.3 Watershed Planning

Chairman Sweet reported that the 501(c) 3 is in place Champions of the Chain is the fiscal agent. It was asked if the local match had been reached and it was stated that it is still short a little over \$22,200 but it also hasn't gone out to everyone on their list yet. They are in need of an Administrative Coordinator about 2 ½ days a week to coordinate it. They are expecting to hear back in March, April or May if the grants were received and then will be able to work harder at reaching out to those not yet committed and or not yet paid. The full amount of the match is \$88K but have commitments or checks in for over \$50K.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee Lead needed.

Randy still trying to get someone to lead on public education. Pat might have a retired teacher and will reach out. Anne Basten and Dave Corrigan offered to help but can't lead at this time.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Flooding Information and Mitigation

No results had been received from the Fox River Flood Commission as of the date of this meeting. The Commission has now become a Flood Coalition and Joe is currently heading it up, however, the FWA board asked him to step down. The Advisory committee would like to be kept up to date on this coalition action. Randy Sweet would like anybody with ideas to reduce flooding send him an email.

7.2 Website updates (tabs, Layout, image, etc)

Send any suggestions to Chairman Sweet. One suggestion was a tab for volunteering and donations. Another idea would be to add the public education to the site somehow.

7.3 Lake County Boat Show: March 5th-8th, 2020

Chairman Sweet reported that Dennis and Rob are setting it up and Keith and Warren were taking it down.

8.0 Member Comments:

The City of McHenry was having a presentation on the Fox River Corridor (176 to Johnsburg). CMAP has made it clear that they do not have any power or authority over the water as that is set by law.

Dan Shea shared that way back in NIPC days that they had talked about protection 80 ft along shore line but that didn't go over well at the time and probably would not again. No one believes it's in the current presentation.

9.0 Public Comments

Judy Thelin Chair of the Port Barrington Waterway Commission stated that she came to hear what our committee meetings are about. She stated that the Fox River Flood Commission report is up on the internet. She talked about how high the water was in their house and that they are in the process of lifting their floor level by 4 feet. She appreciates what everyone is doing to try and reduce flooding impact.

The Fox River Summit was scheduled for March 26th.

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10.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn February 7, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Pat Smarto

Second: Ken Fruh

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM
