

September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Approved November 5, 2020



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)
Via Zoom Video Conference Call
Fox Waterway Agency
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chairman Leo

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

2.0 Roll Call

Secretary Basten

Present: Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, David Corrigan, Tom Fernstrom, Sue Draffkorn, Judy Martini, John Fisher

Staff Present: Rob Bowman, Joe Keller

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Henry Reinke, Keith Carpenter, Dan Mitchell, Jason Hettermann

Excused: Randy Sweet, Pat Smarto, & Dan Shea,

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of July 8, 2020

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 8, 2020

Motion: Judy Martini

Second: John Fisher

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that staff had completed the emergency silt removal in Governor's Channel and was successful. Material had been placed inside the seawall around the office building for the flood preparedness project. They are currently setting up operations at Grass Lake and have received a 10 year permit from the US Army Corps for both dredges.

The agency has 35 new 36X36 metal signs acquired through the Lake County Division of Transportation to be installed at the entrances to the major lakes, streams and the River.

The recent derecho caused a lot of tree damage along the Lakes and river. The water levels have been low due to a lack of inflow to keep up with the required outflow to provide water for Elgin and Aurora under a federal permit.

Trinski Island permit is on hold as they are waiting for the complete hydrologic study to be completed before issuing a permit. Homeowners' biggest fear is increased local flooding. Will be at least another 1-2 years before issued.

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There is currently an active campaign about not using water balloons or dumping other debris in Lakes and River in Lake County.

4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The lakes are wide open as is the river.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee –

The water balloon and debris/littering message was put out through the agency and others.

5.2 Advisory Committee Schedule for 2021 was approved

6.0 New Business

6.1 Committee Officer Elections – November 5, 2020

Vice Chairman Leo announced that Chairman Sweet would be stepping down as Chair and asked if anyone was interested in serving as Chair. There were a lot of members who either did not speak up or said they would not be available.

6.2 System Speed Limits

The Agency is apprehensive to support any changes to the existing speed limits (or implementation where there are none) without overwhelming support from the public.

Tom Fernstrom spoke about the very real impact of the wakeboard boats in the lower river and the excessive erosion occurring. There was a suggestion to apply for no wake permits in the areas with the most damage and that the police cannot do anything at this time. It was also noted that the river has been extremely rough this year with low water and increased boat traffic as well as an increase in loud noisy vessels.

6.3 Clean Up 2021- Potential add IDNR Based Hunter Blinds

Rob Bowman stated that the discussion is ongoing with IDNR and they are hesitant to make participation mandatory.

6.4 Other – There were no other discussions.

7.0 Member Comments:

Judy Martini announced that Col. Mike Warner was retiring in December from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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8.0 Public Comments

None

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn September 3, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Anne Basten

Second: Tom Fernstrom

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM