

November 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Approved February 4, 2021



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

Chairman Sweet

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

2.0 Roll Call

Secretary Basten

Present: Randy Sweet, Pat Smarto, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, David Corrigan, John Fisher, Jason Hettermann

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Judy Martini, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Keith Carpenter, Dan Mitchell,

Excused: Tom Fernstrom, Sue Draffkorn, Henry Reinke & Dan Shea,

Others present: Rob Schurr

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of September 3, 2020

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 3, 2020

Motion: John Fisher

Second: Pat Smarto

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that the crew was still dredging in Antioch and the East side of Grass Lake. Buoys have been removed for the season. A couple of pieces of equipment were in for repair. A plan has been submitted for Cooper's Farm. The Board will be meeting in person starting with the next meeting but the public will still be remote. The Board approved the appointment of auditors.

4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The lakes are low due to the start of the winter drawdown which began November 1st. The river is still at normal levels.

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5.0 Old Business

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee – Information on the buoy markings has been distributed.

Anne Basten, John Fisher, Dave Corrigan, and Dennis Leo have agreed to continue to work on this project. Suggested topics so far: where to get gas; depth charts (including why the no motors through crabapple). Rob Bowman stated that better signage will be coming, the difference between No Wake and no motors. It was suggested that we join the Facebook groups to find out what people are talking about and might need more information or education.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Committee Officer Elections

Motion: To nominate Pat Smarto as Chairman – no other nominations made after three calls

Motion by: Randy Sweet

Second by: Anne Basten

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to nominate Dennis Leo as Vice Chairman – no other nominations made after three calls

Motion by: Anne Basten

Second by: Dave Corrigan

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to nominate Anne Basten as Secretary – no other nominations made after three calls

Motion by: Ken Fruh

Second by: Pat Smarto

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Other

Tom Fernstrom was not present and had asked to talk about GIV grant – A volunteer would need to head up the project as staff does not have time to work on this one to determine if the agency qualifies. Jason Hettermann stated that the agency is not doing so well on capturing grant monies but is building up experience through trial and error. The Board would love to see us get more.

7.0 Member Comments:

Dave Corrigan noted that the agency app needed updating. Randy Sweet reported that there had been several meetings on updating the website and it was in process and it was planned that the app would be updated after the website. There was not much in the way to report on the app (no alerts, etc) due there not being any flooding or other issues. The Executive Order was pushed out at the beginning of the season. CMAP's request for input was put out in Executive Director Keller's blog.

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8.0 Public Comments

Don Schurr shared that he would be attending more meetings as he worked to develop his business in the area and especially with boat shows being cancelled. He will be available to answer questions related to the boating business for the educational committee.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn November 5, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Pat Smarto

Second: Ken Fruh

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM