

April 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Approved May 6, 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 Smarto

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

2.0 Roll Call

Secretary Basten

Present: Pat Smarto, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, Judy Martini, John Fisher, Alan Golbach, Tom Fernstrom, and Don Schnurr

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Others Present: John Maguire (Visit Lake County)

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Keith Carpenter, Dan Mitchell , Sue Draffkorn

Excused: David Corrigan, Henry Reinke, Director Jason Hettermann

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of February 4, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 4, 2021 subject to typo corrections

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: John Fischer

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that Blarney Island races have been approved for May 27-September 22, 2021. There are some new entrance buoys for the channels. A group called Bring Back Nature is also doing a clean up on 4/24 for Earth Day and will coordinate with Pat. They will try and merge with our event next year maybe. The FWA will not participate with them this year.

Topsoil pricing was discussed and then kicked back to staff for a recommendation. The board approved financing a MAC truck. Budget is in place. The Board approved a draft contract for using outside contractors (interagency agreements) for dredging under Agency permit.

Working on developing the Wall Street material drying site in Lake Villa

Expecting Normal pool between mid April and May 1st so currently can't get into shallow areas and this allows for spring melt flood storage. Chairman Smarto commented on how a caller, new to the area, didn't understand where and how all the silt enters the system and why there was a drawdown in the winter. Another educational moment.

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4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

Everything is low and has capacity for spring rains.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee

Chairman Smarto reported that she had met with Anthony and Laura and that it is still early in the process for having the educational information posted either on website or through Social Media and will let us know the best format and method for getting information to them as soon as they know. The website is being updated again right now.

5.2 Review of By Laws

Chairman Smarto stated that she and Director Hettermann have been discussing and reviewing the Advisory Committee By laws which have not been updated in 10 years.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Clean Up 2021

The 7 sites for this year were discussed, new assignments made, discussion of which sites needed dumpsters and barges. It was noted that Uncle Bub's had another commitment and can't participate this year. Bruceski's is participating and there is a leader from the neighborhood for the IDNR site. Otherwise we are pretty much set.

Pick up of materials will be at the FWA office on May 6, 2021.

6.2 Introduction – New Member Applicant – John Maguire, Visit Lake County

John Maguire introduced himself and wants to get more information out about the Chain O Lakes region so easiest if part of it. He noted that last year boat rentals were up in Lake County. Don Schnurr stated they stopped renting boats due to issues including having to dedicate someone to train people how to use a boat. John was asked if there is specific data tracked related to the lakes region. Judy Martini reported that a recent figure she had been given was that the region provides \$100M in revenue.

6.3 Other –

Nothing to report here.

7.0 Member Comments:

Don Schnurr talked about Delivery Captains' training on the nationwide lanyard cut off required legislation for all vessels over 3 hp and under 26 feet.

Chairman Smarto encouraged everyone to take pictures and submit them to the agency for the website. Anne Basten suggested starting a Facebook photography group.

There was a brief discussion of a location for the July meeting and it was suggested that it be at Wall Street so we can all see where it is and how it will be used.

8.0 Public Comments

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None

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn April 1, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: Dennis Leo

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM