


July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
For Approval  
September 6, 2018

	<p><b>Advisory Committee</b> (appointed by Board of Directors)</p> <p><b>Fox Waterway Agency</b> 45 S Pistakee Lake Rd Fox Lake, IL 60020</p>	
<p>----- Minutes -----</p>		
<p><b>1.0 Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p>Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Sweet.</p>		
<p><b>2.0 Roll Call</b></p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p><u>Present:</u> Randy Sweet, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, Ken Fruh, David Corrigan, Dan Shea, John Fisher, Jill Heyn, and Dan Mitchell. Also present: Rob Bowman and John Palmeri (IDNR) Public Present: <u>Randy – can you fill this in?</u></p>		
<p><u>Absent:</u> Police and Jill Heyn, <u>Excused:</u> Tim Webster, Don Larson, Sue Draffkorn, Hank Reinke, and Tom Fernstrom.</p>		
<p><b>3.0 Pledge of Allegiance</b></p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p><b>4.0 Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Chairman Sweet</p>	
<p>4.1 Minutes of May 3, 2018</p>		
<p>Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2018 as presented.</p>		
<p>Motion: Dan Shea Second: Dennis Leo Discussion: None Motion carried.</p>		
<p><b>5.0 Reports</b></p>		

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**5.1 FWA Report – Rob Bowman**

Rob Bowman reported that staff was still cleaning up from the second flood of the year which had less debris but included much larger trees and they were still working on the lower river. This flood put the agency about three weeks behind on the dredge schedule and they will soon be starting to dredge Governor's channel.

Several questions were asked about violations of the Closed System and No Wake periods and possibly additional signage. Rob Bowman stated that there were no police or other legal issues currently before the courts and that staff is looking at securing additional locations for signage possibly at boat landings. Members of this committee suggested engaging citizen volunteers along the system who would be willing to have a sign and post under direction of the agency and remove when advised to do so. Several committee members said they would be willing to do this. If there is enough involvement by the public, it would become somewhat self policing, and if a volunteer was not home or able to post in a particular situation, there would be potentially enough others along the system to make sure the word got out to the system users.

**5.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)**

Discussion: Most said the water levels were back to just slightly higher than normal. It was noted that Port O'Blarney had removed tires from their docks and others commented on not seeing a lot of tires in the system this year.

**5.3 Upcoming Events**

**5.3.1 – Emergency Rescue Operations (7/23-7/24 Noon-noon: Oak Point)**

Discussion: Chairman Sweet stated that this "event" was open to the public and would be run like a test for Call Out Agencies and that they will be testing response times, equipment issues, etc. to respond to a potential emergency.

**5.3.2 – Radar Run.** Only one boat signed up so will probably be cancelled

**5.3.3 – Damyak July 21<sup>st</sup>**

This event is a fundraiser for McHenry County Foundation and is timed to occur during Fiesta Days. Runs from Downtown McHenry where Boone Creek flows into the River to the Dam and back from 7 am to 10 am.

**6.0 Old Business**

6.1 None

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Watershed Plan**

Discussion: Chairman Sweet would like to have this committee make a recommendation to the agency to support the creation of a watershed plan. He believes that there is grant funding available to help finance professionals. He met with several FWA Directors to discuss. Chairman Sweet cited the environmental/habitat benefits, public involvement, opportunities for funding when the data is available and a plan is already approved.

Motion to recommend that the FWA Board of Directors consider authorizing the creation of a watershed planning taskforce to create a watershed plan for the area under the purview of the Agency.

Motion: Anne Basten

Second: Ken Fruh

Discussion: no additional

Motion carries.

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**7.2 River Boating Activities**

Discussion: FWA Chairman Blake asked that this group discuss the use of wake boarding with the use of weighted boats to create larger wakes. Chairman Sweet has researched some and found some ordinances in Wisconsin to don't prohibit wake boarding or wake boarding boats, just the artificial enhancement of wakes. Currently the only restriction is that no wake within 150' of shore on the lakes but does not cover the River. Everyone is to gather data and facts related to this and other towing activities for discussion at the September meeting.

**7.3 2019 Meeting Dates**

Discussion: The following dates were proposed:

February 7, 2019

April 4, 2019

May 2, 2019 (no meeting - picking up materials and last minute prep for clean up

May 4, 2019 (no meeting just Annual River Clean Up)

July 9, 2019 Tour

September 5, 2019

November 7, 2019

Note that the "no meeting" was switched from July 9<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to approve the Fox Waterway Advisory Committee dates as listed above.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: Dan Mitchell

Discussion: no additional

Motion carries.

**7.4 New Committee Member**

Chairman Sweet stated that he had received a request from Pat Smarto from the Lakes Realty Group to join our group but that he did not have the information in time for this agenda so the group will discuss in September.

**8.0 Public Comments & Presentations by others**

There were no comments.

**9.0 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn July 10, 2018 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: David Corrigan

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.