

November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
To Be Reviewed/Approved  
February 6, 2019



**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, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Henry Reinke, Dan Shea, Tom Fernstrom, Pat Smarto, John Fisher, Keith Carpenter, Warren Moulis,

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Ken Fruh, Dan Mitchell Excused: Dennis Leo, Sue Draffkorn, Judi Martini, and Jill Heyn (resigned)

Others Present: Jason Hettermann (FWA Board), Chris Stochl (FWA Board)

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Sweet

**4.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval**

Discussion: A few minor corrections were made to the draft Minutes of September 5, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 5, 2019 as amended

Motion: Tom Fernstrom

Second: Pat Smarto

Motion carried

**5.0 Reports**

**5.1 FWA**

Rob Bowman reported that the hydraulic dredge and all the buoys had been pulled from the system and they were in the process of washing and preparing them for winter storage. The agency is receiving DECO funding for moving and adding piers outside the offices and adding concrete walls and rip rap for the shoreline to prevent further erosion. Staff has been holding budget meetings. Meetings are being held with residents related to dredging. The Akerman Island temporary bridge permit is in so the island can be emptied. The agency is working on due diligence work for a property in Lake Villa. Flood barriers and an efficient way to install them around the office building has been created as the building is not exempt from flooding. The Trinski Island project is on hold until all the permits & USACOE floodplain maps are in and currently waiting for additional information from others. The Fox River Flood Commission has completed their meetings and staff is awaiting the final report.

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**5.2 Regional**

Discussion: The lower river was still at no wake. Winter drawdown was commenced on November 1, 2019 but the water was still high so it had no impact yet. The US Army Corps of Engineers completed the fourth phase of the Nippersink 206 project and all rain events have been provided additional flood control space within the project corridor reducing the full impact on the Fox River. Details will be provided to the agency when the report is completed by the Corps.

**5.3 Watershed Planning**

Chairman Sweet reported that a 319 grant application has been submitted on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The agency is continuing to get financial commitments from business owners and other organizations and will not need to amend their application with the commitments secured as there were no changes to the study area. The agency and financial backers will be committed to their share of the 60/40 grant. The grant awards should be announced early spring 2020. They will also be submitting a 604b – Water Quality Management Planning Grant (non-point & point source) and are hopeful for at least partial funding to augment the 319 grant with no additional matching funds needed. A Lake County Grant (WMAG- Watershed Management Assistance Grant) is also planned to help meet the match funding.

Champions of the Chain will be the fiscal agent for the matching funding efforts and is 501(c)3. A little over \$20,000 has been committed in writing with an additional \$30,000 in verbal commitments towards the \$88,000 needed.

**6.0 Old Business**

**6.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee Lead needed.**

No one volunteered at this time. It was noted that help is needed to provide information for the Boat Show Booth.

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Water trail: General discussion in initiative and events.**

Tom Fernstrom had provided information in advance of the meeting. The Lower Fox River Alliance will be reaching out to all stakeholders to share their concerns and are seeking to make a proposal to this Agency. A CMAP meeting was scheduled for the Village of Cary for November 14, 2019. Dennis Leo stated that it would be easier if there was one entity in control of the water instead of different function with different agencies without a coordinated oversight.

**7.2 Suggestions for new Advisory Committee efforts**

There were no new suggestions

**7.3 Lake County Boat Show: March 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Chairman Sweet will be distributing a sign up chart for volunteers. Staff is seeking to move us out of the corner by the front doors.

**8.0 Member Comments:**

There were no additional comments

**9.0 Public Comments**

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**10.0 Adjournment**

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Motion to adjourn November 7, 2019 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Dave Corrigan

Second: Dan Shea

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

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