

April 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
Approved May 7, 2020



**Advisory Committee**  
(appointed by Board of Directors)  
**Via 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 7:05PM

**2.0 Roll Call**

Chairman Sweet

Present: Randy Sweet, Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Ken Fruh, Judi Martini, Pat Smarto and Jason Hetterman

Staff Present: None

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Henry Reinke, Sue Draffkorn, Keith Carpenter, Warren Moulis, Dan Mitchell  
Excused: John Fischer, Dan Shea, Tom Fernstrom

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

Discussion: Draft Minutes of February 6, 2020 with changes to excusals

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 6, 2020 as revised

Motion: Ken Fruh  
Second: Pat Smarto  
Motion carried

**4.0 Reports**

4.1 FWA – This item was skipped as Rob Bowman was not present.

4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

The lower river was at no wake and holding. It has been calm.  
The lakes are near summer pool.

4.3 Watershed Planning

Chairman Sweet reported that the group did not get the 319 grant. It was determined that of the funds available, 75% were for implementation and 25% for planning and our project was fairly far down on the list. The IEPA was focused on projects outside of the Northeastern Illinois Region. We are still expecting to hear back in April or May regarding the approval status of the 604B grant request. They/We may be using TMDL Initiative in the next application round (August) and think it may help to secure approval. Lake County provided \$5,000 towards the planning match.

4.4 Fox River Corridor Plan Steering Committee

Joe Keller, Chairman Sweet, Pam Althoff, and Bruce Mason were in attendance on February 18, 2020. Randy Sweet asked if the plan was focused on bringing access to paddlers and

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Bruce Mason stated that the river needs to be open to all boaters. CMAP responded that they understood the conflict and that there was not one use as a priority over any others. The planning includes additional access points, trails and other amenities. It was noted that it would be a while under current circumstances for funding to be available for implementation of any plans.

**5.0 Old Business**

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee Lead needed.  
No one has done anything at this time to move this forward.

5.2 Boat Show review/comment/suggested changes  
It was noted that most of the time it was pretty slow. Saturday were a little busier but in all cases it was less crowded than past years. David Corrigan stated that the Frequently Asked Questions flier we had in the past was noticeably absent as was a list of the current fees.

**6.0 New Business**

6.1 Waterway Cleanup

The Cleanup has been cancelled per Chairman Sweet. There was discussion about maybe postponing it and doing cleanup under the Route 12 bridge. Dennis Leo asked if the grant for the materials had been applied for and it had not.

**7.0 Member Comments:**

Dennis Leo suggested that something be put up on the website about social distancing and boating recommendations before the season gets well underway. Jason Hetterman said that he would work on this one that will refer to following the guidelines.

**8.0 Public Comments**

None

**9.0 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn April 2, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Ken Fruh

Second: Judi Martini

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM