

**Re May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes
To Be Approved July 7, 2021**



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)
Via Zoom Video Conference Call and
Fox Waterway Agency
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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1.0 Call to Order

Vice Chair Leo

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM but found out that members could not get in. Wrong link had been posted/emailed/given to Rob Bowman (not sure which one was wrong). Rob Bowman had Anne send the one he was logged into out via group email. Called to order again at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Secretary Basten

Present: Dennis Leo, Anne Basten, John Fisher, Alan Golbach, Tom Fernstrom, Keith Carpenter, and John Maguire

Present via Zoom: Tom Fernstrom and Alan Golbach

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police

Excused: Pat Smarto, David Corrigan, Ken Fruh, Pam Althoff, Judi Martini, Dan Mitchell, Don Schnurr, Warren Moulis, Gordon Schwantner, Sue Draffkorn, Henry Reinke, Director Jason Hettermann

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

Discussion: Draft Minutes of April 1, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 1, 2021 as presented

Motion: John Fischer

Second: Anne Basten

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 FWA

Rob Bowman reported that staff is developing the Wall Street parcel for use. (30 acres). Buoys are being placed with 30% of the Lakes in. IDNR doing the river. They are also following up on the spring clean up of debris. Gearing up for the dredging season to start early June with permit restrictions for fish spawn. Homeowner "No Wake" buoys are selling well with 15 sold this season already at \$250 ea. Rob reported that the DECO grant for the Grass Island Geotube maintenance and stone work repair has been granted. They also received grant support for the purchase of an amphibious excavator. He also shared that last meeting he had talked about subcontractors and homeowners using the agency permits but this idea ran into a USACOE issue and is on hold.

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4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)

Tom Fernstrom spoke about the loss of an Eagle Nest at Lyons Prairie and Marsh (McHenry County Conservation District land holding including a Nature Preserve). He stated that boaters are up in arms about the loss. He also brought up the wake board boat issue near the same area and was told that the Waterway Board is apprehensive about dealing with the issue due to strong public support of wakeboarding.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee

Chairman Smarto had forwarded an email from Director Jason Hettermann which was read to those present. It included the updates to the App, website and Social Media which Anthony and Laura will be maintaining. The App will focus on live updates related critical system changes, i.e. water levels, no wakes, etc. so they will not be ignored.

5.2 Review of By Laws

Director Hettermann's email included that he is working to allow more active participants rather than falling under certain designations. Future committee members will have participation expectations to be met.

5.3 Approval of New Member John Maguire by Board

Mr. Maguire gave a brief background on Visit Lake County, for which he is the Executive Director and the reason he and the agency wanted to get more involved. Water is the main draw to Lake County between the Chain and Lake Michigan and are looking at the big picture issues and tying everything together. They are also taking over ownership of BoatingLakeCounty.com. He distributed brochures on several of their events and activities which they are promoting.

5.4 2021 Clean Up

It was asked if the group that went out Earthday weekend end up collecting trash and if so how much. All of the supplies were ready for pick up. There is no way to know how many people will show up.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Introduction - New Member Applicant – Laura King, Chief of Police, McHenry County Conservation District.

Chief King was not present but came highly recommended. There was no motion or other recommendation made.

6.2 Other

Tom Fernstrom asked about dredging of the lower river at Orchard Heights and some of their channels and several homeowners were willing to take the dredge materials. This brought up the fact that the former R15-R16 parcels in Porten Subdivision have been sold and the funds used to purchase the Wall Street parcel

7.0 Member Comments:

No additional comments. An announcement will be made later as to the location of the July meeting/tour.

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8.0 Public Comments

None

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn May 6, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: John Maguire

Second: Keith Carpenter

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM