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## **Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, January 19, 2024- 1:00 PM**

Meeting Location: Virtual

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### **Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting**

<b>Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9</b>		
<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended (yes/no, by phone)</b>
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Mark Jenks (non-voting)	Mark Jenks Andy- Yes
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Kayla Rush	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Yes
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Yes
Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	No
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Breanna Crane

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Guests	
Representing	Name
Greg Horeth	WWMD

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call was taken and quorum verified.
4. Confirm the Teams Chat recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held October 20, 2023
  - a. Wayne Castle made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - b. Alan Barrows seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion Passes
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
  - a. Jim Pindel Made a motion to approve the treasurer's report.
  - b. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passes

#### Old Business

7. Fox River 2024 Summit – Tom Slawski
  - a. Planning committee has begun working. They have lined up topics, pollutant load reduction, Fox River Study Group Implementation Plan, Fox River Basin TMDL, working with Chad Sampson for a soil health and cover crop speaker.
  - b. Registration is open, March 14<sup>th</sup> all day. Sending out announcements and promoting.
  - c. They will be offering a hybrid option. There will be recordings of the sessions.
  - d. Would like to request that we reimburse up to \$5500 for the upcoming summit.
    - i. Jim Pindel made a motion to approve the funds.
    - ii. Alan Barrows made a second.

iii. Motion Passes

- e. Alan Barrows asked if we could fund prior to the ENUM 24, Tom Slawski shared that funding could be delayed until later in the year.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
- a. Second phase is out for bid. Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. January 18<sup>th</sup> there was a site walk through.
  - c. Bids due Feb 1
  - d. Approve contract by Feb 28
  - e. Mark Jenks- how many contractors came for the walk through?  
Unknown. Will follow up with answer.
9. WWMD Project-Greg Horeth
- a. Continue work on the second offloading site. Waiting on the deal to move forward.
  - b. Once the second location is secured they should be able to move forward.
10. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson
- a. Estimate in, owner has agreed to 12,000, cost share 9,000 contractor lined up for May or June of this year.
11. North River Bay Road Shoreline Restoration- Chad Sampson
- a. Complete and paid- Could be removed from the agenda. Have not received the reimbursement, but approved by DNR.
12. Willow Court Shoreline Repair- Chad Sampson
- a. Had a few issues with the land owners cooperation, through the process. Approved for 15,600. The landowners have not been willing to sign the contract.
  - b. Will not be using the approved funds from the project. Money can go back into the cost share project fund.
13. John Margis Jr. Wildlife Area Restoration- Chad Sampson
- a. Complete in August, looks great, the annual rye grass has come in thick with the native seeds.
  - b. The funds have been approved, but we have not received the funds. Could be removed from the agenda.
14. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
- a. Not able to complete the promised draft
  - b. With the Foth and RES project done, Tom will be able to have the draft hopefully for the next meeting.
15. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
- a. Awaiting ENUM funds in summer.
  - b. Kelsey Norton will be following up with DNR per email.

New Business

16. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. Met and created a framework for the project. Objective is to update and adopt the new document by the end of the year.
- b. Created a task list and timeline

Task	Lead Entity(s)	Target Date	Status Update
Project Kick-Off meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Charter overview</li> <li>Project communication</li> <li>Benchmark and Baseline research overview</li> <li>File documentation</li> </ul>		January or February	
Review of Chapter 33, WI Statutes to ensure that all required items are identified.	Alan	February	
Identify plan components that are outdated	Alan, Katelyn, Chad and Mark	February	
Identify plan components that need to be added	Katelyn	March	
Send a letter to communities informing them of the plan update effort and outline expectations for representatives	Katelyn and Tom	April	
Complete a bulleted list of plan updates to be included	All	May	
Update plan narrative to include outdated & missing items	Katelyn	July	
Reference to the SEWRPC Fox River study		August	
Update plan maps, charts, figures, etc.	SEWRPC	August	
Work on plan formatting with Al Sikora for website	All	September	
Provide a draft of the updated plan to the Commission for review	All	October	
Complete revisions to draft plan	All	November	
Send a letter to solicit review comments from Partner communities and stakeholders	Katelyn / Tom	November	
Post plan to website with Al Sikora	All	November	
Plan adoption by Commission		December 2024	

- c. Jim Pindel- notifying the municipalities, Wheatland has dropped out of the commission with a commissioner. Perhaps require an active commissioner for the commission.
    - i. We need representation from every member community.
  - d. The work group contains:
    - i. executive committee members
    - ii. representatives from the 3 counties
    - iii. Would like representation from the DNR.
    - iv. Would anyone else like to volunteer to be a part of the work group.
  - e. Tom Slawski does not foresee a problem acquiring the maps.
  - f. No bound dates, update as needed
  - g. Greg Horeth appreciated the outline for the plan.
17. Waukesha Diversion Project- Greg Horeth
- a. At the next meeting, they have developed a chart to monitor the Waterford dam and tracking the levels along with the rainfall, to understand the impact or lack of impact on the water levels. It will share 2021, 2022, 2023. This will give us the history and quantitative impacts.
  - b. Will send the information out regularly.
18. Permeable Pavers- Chad Sampson
- a. We have a request to help fund permeable pavers for a parking lot.
  - b. Is this eligible for cost share for our commission?
    - i. Alan Barrows- does it meet the DNR best management standard?
    - ii. How do we determine if this is an eligible practice? Who makes this decision if it meets the standard?
  - c. From a technical standard- Waukesha reviews many applications and Alan Barrows could support.
  - d. We have never cost shared them in the past.
  - e. It is an approved best standard practice, which would make them cost shareable.
  - f. Alan Barrows shared that they are not cheap. On average they run 2-3 times more expensive than traditional asphalt.
  - g. Alan Barrows- there can be a run off ratio 4-1 you do not need to do all of the sidewalk. Infiltration over 100 inches per hour.
  - h. They are maintenance intensive, but should last a long time before needing maintenance.
  - i. We have put a cap on how much a shoreline can receive for individual landowner. Does there need to be a cap for this type of item?
    - i. Because it is a new approach, lets handle this specific to this project- Alan Barrows
    - ii. We put a cap on the shoreline because there were so many, no cap needed here, there is only one project. -Jim Pindel
  - j. Katelyn Bratz mentioned putting the concept into the Implementation Plan, as it is a new fundable process.

19. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration (3 landowners requesting \$9,000 each for \$27,000)

- a. Came in a few years ago, located just off 164.
- b. 3 land owners that are adjacent to each other.
- c. 276 feet of shoreline
- d. Excavate 176 feet of Shoreline and place RipRap
- e. 100 feet will be filling voids, moving riprap, add stone
- f. Native Plants along most of shoreline
- g. Lawn grasses around pier and high traffic areas
- h. Mulch and Erosion Control
- i. They are waiting on firm estimates
- j. Greg Horeth- When was the last time there was communication with the owners on the project, November or December. Chad Sampson's staff is working with them. All three owners have been in contact with staff. Met with them in August and again in October to discuss with a contractor.

20. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers (Still waiting on cost estimate for cost share request)

- a. Landowner called in November asking if there is any cost share money for pavers. The site is very close to the river.
- b. The best areas for the permeable pavers might be the down areas of the parking lot.
- c. 9,000 sq ft area. He was talking about completing the whole parking lot with the pavers.
- d. Cost estimate is \$250,000
- e. Would like as much as possible with the permeable pavers.
- f. How much of the parking lot needs to be permeable, accounting for run off ratio?- Alan Barrows
- g. It would be helpful to have an estimate for traditional asphalt. Then perhaps look at the difference between the two for cost sharing -Alan Barrows
- h. Russ Egan- how much water is actually running off this parking lot into the Fox River? It all would go either to the road or the storm sewer. Are they asking us to repave their driveway? Chad Sampson replied, they are looking at a water quality and responsible way to manage the water flow. The goal of the group is to help be responsible. It is worth discussion. It is a high activity place, might create opportunity for signage to expand the impact of the commission.
- i. Tom Slawski- placed a urban nonpoint grant management link in chat. April deadline for the grant. He has no experience with the grant, but worth a look. Might be a more appropriate vehicle to help fund the project.
  - i. [Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program || Wisconsin DNR](#)
  - ii. Alan is familiar with the grant program. They have been unsuccessful acquiring it, it is very competitive.

21. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II (\$10,000 request)

- a. Phase one was very successful.
- b. Phase two will be \$10,000.
  - i. Completing the other side of the walking path.

- ii. Dead tree removal
- iii. Create access areas, rip rap, and seeding on the shoreline
- iv. Lawn grasses in high traffic areas
- v. Discussing the option of a pier in this area.
- vi. Overall cost will be closer to \$20,000.
- vii. Racine County will do in kind labor.

22. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild

- a. Moved to the February meeting agenda.

Reports and Updates

23. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski

- a. No Update

24. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty

- a. The city has selected a firm to complete the work.
- b. Feb 6 meeting will approve the contract for the work.
- c. Greg Horeth- Interested in more information on the firm.
  - i. Donny Hefty shared- Director of Public Works is handling the project. But the upcoming meeting will also have more information on the firm.

25. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre

- a. Not much update, still working on the modeling. Some additional monitoring may occur over the summer.

26. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson

- a. No winter workshop, money better spent on training.
- b. Will possibly host a May field day, TBD. Summer field day will be occurring as well.

27. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers- Mark Jenks

- a. Held their first meeting this past Tuesday, talk about the practices they are hoping to cost share. Created a strategy to get more farmers involved with the group. The core group is people who are doing rotational grazing. They want to expand their influence. Sponsoring a showing of the movie Common Ground at Parkside.

28. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows

- a. We did add an entire page for the Fox Water trail. Al Sikora would like review on the entire website, to determine what is still relevant. Would like to update the news site on the homepage.
- b. Dire need of project information. Al Sikora does not get the information on the completed projects.

Correspondence

- 12/1/23 - Katelyn Bratz sent an email to all absent commissioners requesting

RSVP's for the meetings and alternates to help us achieve quorum.

- 12/1/23 Email from Root Pike WIN on Regenerative Farming videos
- 12/4/23 Email from Don Hefty to Commissioners on mtg attendance
- 1/9/24- Katelyn Bratz sent emails to all commissioners and all visitors listed on the agenda informing them of the meeting change to virtual.
- 1/15/24-Katelyn Bratz sent email too all commissioners notifying them of the new meeting date

## Miscellaneous Issues

### 1. Next Meeting and Location

- a. Changes to the meeting day of the week.
- b. Flex days on Friday.
- c. Could we meet earlier on Friday and end by noon.
- d. People tend to take Fridays off. Summer Fridays are also challenging.

### 2. Would virtual meeting make attendance easier?

- a. Saves travel time.
- b. More efficient with time.
- c. Perhaps having a few in person meetings each year.

### 3. Virtual Meeting 10-12 on a Friday. Feb 23 On Teams.

### 4. Close Meeting 2:24

- a. Russ Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Al Sikora seconded the motion.
- c. Motion Passes

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## Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 1, 2024- 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Virtual

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### Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

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<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended (yes/no, by phone)</b>
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	Yes
	Mark Jenks (non-voting)	Yes
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	No
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	No
Village of Big Bend	Kayla Rush	No
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Yes
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Yes
Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	No
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	No

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<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>
Grant Horn	WWMD
Gail Goodchild	Waukesha County EM

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call was taken and quorum verified.
4. Confirm the Teams Chat recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held January 19, 2023
  - a. Russ Egan made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - b. Donny Hefty seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion Passes (note Barb Holtz abstained from voting since she was not present at that meeting)
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
  - a. Russ Egan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report.
  - b. Andy Beuhler seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passes

#### Old Business

7. Fox River 2024 Summit – Tom Slawski
  - a. Summit is in two weeks March 14<sup>th</sup> and requests that everyone please promote it as much as possible. We currently have 80 attendees signed up. Hope to see everyone there.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
  - a. Project is on schedule to start this spring 2024 and completed by June.
9. WWMD Project-Greg Horeth
  - a. Hold up has been a real estate transaction for disposal site. Waiting on approval of property owner, and they should be able to move forward.
10. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson
  - a. Looking at April to May to start this project

11. North River Bay Road Shoreline Restoration- Chad Sampson
  - a. Complete and paid- Could be removed from the agenda. DNR has approved this, but we have not received the reimbursement
12. Willow Court Shoreline Repair- Chad Sampson
  - a. Remove from this list.
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  - a. Complete in August, looks great, the annual rye grass has come in thick with the native seeds.
  - b. The funds have been approved, but we have not received the funds.  
Could be removed from the agenda.
14. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
  - a. Progress has been made, but not able to complete the promised draft
15. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
  - a. No report

#### New Business

16. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
  - a. Met and created a framework for the project. Objective is to update and adopt the new document by the end of the year.
  - b. Created a task list and timeline
  - c. Worked on chapters via shared drive to make changes from work group members, March 20 at 3:30pm is the next meeting date.
  - d. Note website is also a bit out of date and needs to be updated as well.
17. Waukesha Diversion Project- Greg Horeth
  - a. No report
18. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration (3 landowners requesting \$9,000 each for \$27,000)
  - a. Meets the project acceptance criteria minimum for funding
  - a. Fred Koehler made a motion to approve the project.
  - b. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passes
2. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers (total cost estimate is \$275,000, but cost share request is \$50,000)
  - a. Runoff from this site does drain to the Fox River and design meets DNR stormwater management design standards.
  - b. Meets the project acceptance criteria minimum for funding
  - c. Russ Egan made a motion to approve the project and funding up to \$50,000 pending/contingent upon receipt of funding for ENUM 25 from WDNR and engineering review.
  - d. Fred Koehler seconded the motion.
  - e. Motion passes

3. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II (\$10,000 request)
  - a. Meets the project acceptance criteria minimum for funding
  - b. Russ Egan made a motion to approve the project.
  - c. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
  - d. Motion passes
4. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild
  - a. Gail is requesting a regional coordination group to help implement recommendations from the recent completed and adopted Fox River Watershed Mitigation Plan.
  - b. SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 343, Fox (Illinois) River Watershed Mitigation Plan (9/2023, 164pp)  
([sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-343-fox-river-illinois-watershed-mitigation-plan.pdf](https://sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-343-fox-river-illinois-watershed-mitigation-plan.pdf))
  - c. Once plan is adopted by each community, the plan recommendations are potentially then available for federal funding.
  - d. Is the SEWFRC interested in helping to lead this regional coordination group? There is a draft charter and looking to meet a couple times of year.
  - e. Keep communications plan up to date, mission to share information, planning initiatives, emergency preparedness, and communication amongst dam owners.
  - f. Administration of grants would need to worked out, would SEWFRC be the administrator of the grant? Limited capacity to serve as grant administrator, unless grant award can be used to pay for that.
  - g. Even if SEWFRC cannot serve as grant administrator, if it could help serve on the regional coordination group to help prioritize projects and keep the communications plan up to date that would be a huge help to the County and all partners in the watershed.
  - h. Will continue to keep this item on the agenda for continued discussion-on establishment of a subcommittee to serve as regional coordinator role and communications plan. Plan to discuss this further at the next meeting.

#### Reports and Updates

5. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
  - a. No Update, but they are speaker at the next Fox River Summit
6. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
  - a. The city has selected a firm to complete the work.
  - b. Donny has resigned from Commission and leaving the C/Burlington and no longer
  - c. New Commissioner-Peter Riggs will be replacing Donny in future.
7. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
  - a. No update

8. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
  - a. Jim Stute is speaking at Fox River Summit along with several other members and sponsoring a table.
  - b. Continuing Case Eagle Park monitoring
9. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers- Mark Jenks
  - a. Held their first meeting this past Tuesday and discussed the Fox River Summit attendance
10. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
  - a. No update

#### Correspondence

- 1/24/24 Email from Katelyn Bratz to Commissioners on meeting rainfall and dam height data
- 1/30/24 Email from Tom Slawski to Katelyn Bratz on meeting invite procedures and updated email lists
- 2/6/24 Email from Wayne Jensen to Tom Slawski providing Treasurer's report
- 2/9/2024 Email from Alan Barrows to Implementation Plan Subcommittee to share files
- 2/11/2024 Email from Tom Slawski to Commissioners on reminder of upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox River Summit announcement
- 2/19/24 Emails from Greg Horeth and Grant Horn to Commission on Waterford Dam Water Level w/ Rainfall
- 2/19/24 Email from Tom Slawski to Commissioners on Chicago Wilderness upcoming virtual mtg Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> registration for next week's cafe! Wisconsin's Farmer-Led Watershed Councils & Lessons for Illinois
- 2/21/24 Email from Tom Slawski to Commissioners on upcoming Fox Waterway Agency stakeholder meeting

#### Miscellaneous Issues

1. Next Meeting and Location
  - a. Village of Vernon replacing bridge on Fox River and possible new canoe/kayak launch in future
  - b. Waterfowl Stamp grant project was approved for Vernon Marsh with

Waukesha County as lead and will be permitted and design for 2025.

2. Next Meeting on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 1pm, hybrid in-person/ with virtual option at DPW Community room located at 2200 S. Pine St, Burlington, WI 53105.

3. Close Meeting 11:39am

- a. Chat Sampson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Wayne Jensen seconded the motion.
- c. Motion Passes

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## Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 3, 2024- 1:00 PM

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<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended (yes/no, by phone)</b>
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Mark Jenks (non-voting)	Mark Jenks
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Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Leif Hauge
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Robin Grams
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Katelyn Bratz
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Lee Manthey
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Jim Pindel
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Traci Lewandowski Bob Heineman	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Wayne Castle
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Fred Koeller
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Russ Egan
City of Burlington	Peter Riggs	Peter Riggs
Town of Wheatland	Donna Deuster	Donna Duester
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Tom Slawski
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Rachel Sabre

<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>
Gail Goodchild	

Greg Horeth	WWMD

Also this is on Page 2 of Appendix B!!!!!!

### **Quorum**

Section 33.55(3) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* notes that nine Commissioners shall form a quorum for the transaction of the Commission's business. For the purpose of establishing a quorum, the nine Commissioners may include the WDNR- and SEWRPC-appointed Commissioners, even though those individuals are nonvoting members for other purposes.

Does this mean Tom and Rachel count toward quorum?

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Katelyn Bratz
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the Teams Chat recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held March 1, 2024
  - a. Russ Egan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes.
  - b. Fred Koeller seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passes.
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
  - a. Solberg Account submitted to the state
  - b. Received check for parkway project
  - c. Received check for fox summit project
  - d. Margis project received \$25,000.
  - e. Enum 25- not released yet
    - i. Should be available shortly after July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - f. Fred Koeller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
  - g. Russ Egan seconded the motion
  - h. Motion passes.

### **Old Business**

7. Fox River 2024 Summit – Tom Slawski
  - a. 146 attendees, largest yet
  - b. 10 sponsors, largest yet as well
  - c. Feedback has been very positive.
  - d. Presentations will all be available online in the coming weeks.
  - e. Dialogue began on continued partnership with other organizations in the watershed.
  - f. Request for funding of up to \$5500.00 for next year's summit
  - g. Typically comes in under budget
    - i. Would allow Tom Slawski to secure the location for next year.



- ii. Russ Egan makes a motion to reserve the spot for next year. Not to exceed \$5800.00
  - iii. Lee Manthey seconded the motion
  - iv. Motion passes.
- 8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
  - a. Preconstruction meeting Friday, May 10.
  - b. Revised start date May 29.
  - c. Hoping to complete before the full contract is required.
- 9. WWMD Project-Greg Horeth
  - a. Challenge is having an offloading location
    - i. The location that they are working to secure has been approved and finalized
    - ii. Have submitted a letter of intent to the village to utilize the quarry.
      - 1. May 11<sup>th</sup> is the meeting
    - iii. 4-5 acre quarry, was town, but annexed to the village.
- 10. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Jon Grove
  - a. Paperwork completed and submitted to state.
  - b. Completed April 17.
  - c. Land owners very happy, will follow up throughout the summer.
- 11. North River Bay Road Shoreline Restoration- Jon Grove
  - a. Paid and submitted to the state.
  - b. Waiting on money from the state.
- 12. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
  - a. Looking for feedback on recent planning efforts
  - b. Was originally just an erosion study
    - i. Triggered by the boundary expansion and the assessment of the streambank
  - c. Re prioritized the criteria
  - d. Estimates of load reduction goals
  - e. Original plan had recommendations and priorities for 1000 feet on either side.
  - f. Identified all the parcels and look at the FEMA floodplain
    - i. Overlaid slopes and priorities based on slope and proximity
    - ii. Able to add the 10-year flood plains
    - iii. Trying to consistent with the original plan
  - g. When looking to protect the river, it gives us connections to the landowners and surrounding properties.
  - h. Will show more connections to work with organizations and Land Trusts. Can easily communicate critical land plots.
  - i. Example is Ravenshome, working on preserving land and put in agroforestry. They are in our watershed and is a great example of what potential partnerships are out there.
  - j. Recently met with Gail Goodchild- worked to create recommendations on overall flood storage areas, to work on for the 500 year event. Areas to protect for longevity of the basin.

- i. Both public and private lands identified on the map.
  - ii. Potential spots for focus, valuable, functional flood storage areas for our river system.
- k. Natural Areas Plan
  - i. Second update, updated in 2010
  - ii. Nearly finished with it
  - iii. Maintaining the integrity of the biodiversity of the entire region of southeastern Wisconsin.
  - iv. Identify the best of the best regions and protect them.
  - v. Creates a ranking system (NA-1, NA-2, NA-3)
  - vi. Able to rerank Aquatic assessments
    - 1. First time since 1997
  - vii. Impacts planning at all levels of the region.
  - viii. Includes a searchable webtool
  - ix. We have lost natural areas since the last update.
  - x. Will be finishing it up this year.
  - xi. Jim Pindel asked about the flood storage areas.
    - 1. Do the owners know that they are flood storage areas?
    - 2. It is unknown the extent to which owners are informed.
    - 3. There is an opportunity to inform the public.
  - xii. Russ Egan- Can these areas be built on?
    - 1. Some go out to the 500 year flood plan, which is not protected.
- 13. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
  - a. Tom Slawski has a note from Kelsey Norton
    - i. Let us know that she followed up with Sara DeBrujin- funds should be available after July 1.
    - ii. Plan to begin late summer, early fall.

#### New Business

- 14. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
  - a. Municipality Letter
    - i. What is the best way to share the letter with municipalities?
      - 1. Decided it will be the responsibility of the commissioners to communicate it to the municipality and ensure their follow up.
    - ii. Virtual Meeting May 16th 3:30 pm to continue working on revisions. All commissioners are welcome to join and share their feedback.
- 15. Waukesha Diversion Project- Greg Horeth
  - a. Continue to track the results at the Waterford dam.
    - i. Levels of the dam are staying consistent with past years.
    - ii. Will forward the updated information for May and April.
    - iii. Timeframe for potential concerns will be June, July and August.
- 16. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration -Jon Grove

- a. Three adjacent Land owners
  - b. Designs are completed and estimates are in.
  - c. Chosen contracts.
  - d. Need to watch restrictions for endangered resources, expected start after August 1.
  - e. Greg Horeth asked how the funding is going to occur?
    - 1. It was once requested for WWMD to fund part of the project.
    - 2. To clarify, WWMD is not funding any portion of the process.
  - f. We (SEWFRC) have committed \$9,000 per homeowner, \$27,000 total.
17. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers
- a. Alan and Marisa from Waukesha County reviewed the submitted plans.
    - i. They are familiar with permeable pavers.
    - ii. Comments were shared with the owners, contractors, and builder.
    - iii. Was suggested to redo the design.
    - iv. Waiting on the new design.
  - b. Mark Jenks
    - i. Can you share the comments on the permeable paver, they are getting more requests and would like to familiarize themselves with the information .
18. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II
- a. Streambank restoration with access to be completed in August.
  - b. Highway and parks crew will complete the work.
    - i. The funding will go to materials.
  - c. Has anyone attended to see phase one?
    - i. Yes, it looks nice
19. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild
- a. Trying to create a coordination group.
    - i. They have created the mitigation plan.
    - ii. They are looking to implement projects to prevent hazards.
    - iii. Want to create a communications plan with local groups.
    - iv. Keep the momentum going to keep projects going.
    - v. She is looking to SEWFRC to help support and prioritize.
      - 1. There are federal funds available.
      - 2. But the coordination group could help sort out who and what applies for the grants.
      - 3. Representation on the group?
      - 4. We share a mission, and there is duplication of efforts.
    - vi. Would the counties like to convene a meeting for a potential work group.
    - vii. Tom Slawski will follow up with a list.

## Reports and Updates

- 20. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom

Slawski

- a. No update
- 21. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington- Peter Riggs
  - a. Has a contract on the first phase on the Echo Lake Dam modification
  - b. Spillway modifications and park modifications to meet the DNR requirements
  - c. Removing gate structures
  - d. Realigning gate
  - e. Earthen berm through park, extension of the flood wall
  - f. Realigning river wall
  - g. Park improvements at the same time
    - i. Removal of barriers
    - ii. Connections to Veterans' Terrace
    - iii. Realign trails with the berm work
  - h. Lite corridors
  - i. Energize portions that don't have electricity
    - i. Flexible performance areas
    - ii. Artscape, permeable pavers
  - j. Overlook over the dam
    - i. For users and visitors, not just for maintenance
    - ii. Becomes a focal point of the community.
  - k. Accessible way to get to the main impoundment.
    - 1. Especially in the winter
  - l. Potential dredging/boat launch later
  - m. Preliminary hydrology is approved, able to move forward with the design plans.
  - n. All park design hinges on the berm elevations and spillway modifications.
  - o. Applying for grants
  - p. Hoping for bids this winter and construction next year.
  - q. Estimated time for dredging?- Russ Egan
    - i. Goal is for soon after construction of the spillway
  - r. What is the target depths for dredging? Fred Koeller
    - i. 4 feet
- 22. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
  - a. Working on Modeling
  - b. Need for more data on Como Creek in the Whitewater Watershed
- 23. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Jon Grove
  - a. Summer Field Day will be early Sept, no date yet.
  - b. Can see more winter wheat and cover crops when driving.
- 24. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers- Mark Jenks
  - a. Getting ready for summer field days
    - i. June 12th
      - 1. Rotational grazing
      - 2. A day with Jim Gerrish
      - 3. <https://www.kenoshaproducers.org/calendar>
      - 4. Small fee, covers lunch.

- ii. July 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm.
  - 1. Evening Field Event
  - 2. Looking at small scale homesteading (hogs and chickens)
- 25. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
  - a. No Update

#### Correspondence

- 4/19/24 Email from Tom Slawski to Commissioners on upcoming help to build the Ravensholme Victory Garden on May 4th - 9 am – noon
- 5/2/24 Email from Wayne Jensen on ENUM Reimbursements

#### Miscellaneous Issues

- 1. Next Meeting and Location
  - a. July 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 1 pm - Public Hearing for Budget- Elections of Officers
  - b. Will host a brief virtual meeting in June to approve the budget. Date TBD.
- 2. Budget Approval
  - a. Proposed projects from the County and Municipalities
- 3. Close Meeting
  - a. Russ Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Fred Koeller seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion Passes.

\* If you have any question about the Agenda, please call Secretary Tom Slawski at [tslawski@sewrpc.org](mailto:tslawski@sewrpc.org) or (262) 953-3263.

Finalize letter



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## Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 25, 2024- 1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Mark Jenks (non-voting)	Mark Jenks
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Chad Sampson
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Alan Barrows
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Katelyn Bratz
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Jim Pindel
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Traci Lewandowski Bob Heineman	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Wayne Castle
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Fred Koeller
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Russ Egan
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	
Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	Bill Hopkins
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

<b>Guests</b>
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Representing	Name
Kailyn Palomares	Racine County Staff

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### Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:14 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the Teams Chat recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held July 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Bill Hopkins made a motion to approve the previous minutes
  - b. Russ Egan seconded the motion
    - i. Motion Passes
  - c. Jim Pindel abstained as he was not at the meeting.
6. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held August 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Wayne Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion
    - i. Russ Egan abstained from vote as he was not at the meeting.
    - ii. Motion passes
7. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
  - a. Received Enum-25 advance
  - b. Balance 249,798.97 at end of September
  - c. ENUM-24 1,932.07
  - d. ENUM- 25 24,201.68 in advance
  - e. 51,942.75 ENUM Balance
  - f. Alan Barrows made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.
  - g. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion Passes
  - h.

### Old Business

8. Fox River 2024 Summit – Tom Slawski No Update
9. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
  - a. Completed Ribbon Cutting

- b. We have not received invoices yet. Waiting on paperwork.
  - c. Project is withstanding significant changes in water elevation.
  - d. Has been talked about for 12 years, big thank you from the county.
- 10. WWMD Project-Grant Horn
  - a. No Update
- 11. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson
  - a. Completed in March/April
  - b. We have received the reimbursement for this project.
  - c. Remove from agenda.
- 12. North River Bay Road Shoreline Restoration- Chad Sampson
  - a. Completed last year
  - b. We have received the reimbursement
  - c. Remove from agenda.
- 13. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
  - a. No update
- 14. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
  - a. No update
  - b. Have received the ENUM- 25 funds, which are available.
- 15. Waukesha Diversion Project- Greg Horeth
  - a. No Update
- 16. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration – Chad Sampson ( Kailyn Palomares)
  - a. Used a new contractor
  - b. Completed before Labor Day
  - c. Did require upfront payment and follow up payment.
  - d. Have submitted paperwork and photos.
- 17. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson
  - a. Need to reach out to them. They need to redesign the project, to cut down on the permeable pavers. The owner has contacted the designer.
  - b. Alan Barrows- DNR has a technical standard, that does allow for a run on standard. It does not need to be entirely permeable. Ratio of 5:1 of standard to permeable.
- 18. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II – Chad Sampson
  - a. Completed two weeks ago
  - b. Shoreline stabilization, new walking trails around the wildlife area
  - c. Took 2 contractors from the county a full week to complete the project.
  - d. Paperwork is submitted to Wayne Jensen.

#### New Business

- 19. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
  - a. Thank you to those that have worked to update the plan.
  - b. Big Picture Questions that we would like to bring to the group
    - i. We have a draft ready to go for perusal and editing. There are



- still edits and work to be done though.
  - ii. Nov- complete revisions and get buy in from the communities.
  - iii. Jim Pindel would like to add a list of duties for the officers.
  - iv. Katelyn Bratz- SEWRPC report will be included into the plan.  
But the timeline is flexible for completion.
- c. Big Picture Questions
  - i. Do we want to expand list-
    - 1. Urban run-off management
      - a. Jim Pindel- Could this be under non-point source pollution
      - b. Include agriculture
    - 2. Non-point source pollution
      - a. Broad Topic, we could expand and make more specific.
    - 3. What other categories do we cover?
      - a. DNR involvement in the project
      - b. We also cover point sources
        - i. Waukesha county is a point source
        - ii. Discharge points
  - ii. Emerging Issues
    - 1. What are other emerging issues
      - a. PFAS
      - b. TMDLs
        - i. Fox River will have one in the future
      - c. Emerging containments
        - i. Climate change
        - ii. Extreme weather events
        - iii. Enhanced wake watercraft
        - iv. Invasive species
  - iii. Which Elements are most important for us to include?
    - 1. We cannot modify this, it is the state statutes
    - 2. Could this impact what we fund?
    - 3. Any feedback on the highest priorities
      - a. Jim Pindel- Waterford Dam operation, this was a meeting previously, believed to be unnecessary based on the current system. The more expensive sensors were not needed.
      - b. Wayne Jensen- Wind Lake Drainage Canal. This should be monitored. There are distinct changes after rains. Would have to have a particle counter in there.
        - i. Chad Sampson- Bank Erosion. The water level is not in a stable soil. Farmers lose feet per year in the streambank. Most of the canal is in the town of Norway, outside our jurisdiction.
  - iv. Can we say that any progress is made on selective drainage?

1. Can we highlight progress?
2. Have had several blocks for channel dredging
- v. Do we want a comprehensive lists of all projects and costs?
  1. Is the Implementation Plan the place to maintain this?
  2. Jim Pindel- Plan can refer to the other location, so we can have a current list.
  3. Allows us to remove the section and work parallel on that.
- vi. Does the Fox River CAUSE still exist.
  1. They run the carp clean up every spring.
  2. They are still in operation.
  3. Shelley Tessmer is involved in it.
  4. Doublecheck that it still aligns with the plan.
  5. In chapter 4 they are mentioned, wanted to confirm their work.
- vii. Section that has pictures of wood debris jams and invasive species. Is there value in this? Could this be eliminated.
  1. Jim Pindel- from the survey of the SEWPRC previously.
  2. Could be removed with the reference to the SEWPRC survey.
- viii. Our fiscal cycle runs July 1- June 30.
- ix. Should the updated implementation have a list of funding priorities.
  1. We did this to some extent- SEWPRC lists were given higher priority.
- x. Would the commission benefit from a different structure plan. Like the Land and Water Plans.
  1. Identify goals and objectives.
  2. Has an annual work plan.
    - a. What are the immediate issues that need work?
  3. Mark Jenks- The implementation plan is full of a lot of info from a lot of sources.
    - a. We should consider a more streamlined version of the plan.
  4. Alan Barrows-This implementation plan is for us. Would a streamlined plan be a more usable document.
  5. Can we remove duplication, without losing the context.

20. Review Commissioner List and alternates-including responsibilities

- a. Remove from agenda.

21. Town to the Village of Waukesha change

- a. Alan Barrows- should be a member of the commission
  - i. Project opportunities
- b. Jim Pindel- We can reach out with a letter inviting them to join the commission or join the meeting.
- c. Jim Pindel will write a letter. Alan Barrows will join in and explain the

potential in their community.

22. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild- No Update

23. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration- Alan Barrows

- a. Grant application that FOTH and RES worked on.
- b. Waukesha applied for a STAMP Grant.
  - i. Awarded 92,400.
  - ii. Scaled back in the wetland scrape
  - iii. Seeking \$10,000 from commission
  - iv. On the main stem of the Fox.
  - v. Entirely within the 100 year floodplain.
  - vi. Site was underwater until July this year.
  - vii. Will revegetate the field.
  - viii. Nov/Dec out for contract
  - ix. Earthwork in early spring.
    1. Break the drain tiles
    2. Have to remove the topsoil in the scrapes (down 2 feet for the sedge meadow)
  - x. Summer 2025-2026 establish native planting.
  - xi. This is a wet site. Scrapes would be nice, but it is already very wet.
  - xii. Reed Canary grass everywhere, which will require a multi year approach.
  - xiii. 2 of the 4 permits obtained. The remaining 2 are in progress.
  - xiv. Would like to request funding today.
    1. Need money locked in to put out to bid.
  - xv. Project Criteria- 53/60 points on our evaluation.
    1. Question 3- Do not have a copy. If it was not identified that might be an oversight.
- c. Don't see any chance that we would not approve the project. Jim Pindel
- d. Foth and Res did bring this project to our attention.
- e. Fred Koeller makes a motion to approved the project.
- f. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion.
  - i. Motion Passes
- g. Chad Sampson- make sure neighbors drain tiles are not impacted.
  - i. At least 30-36 inches of water to prevent reed canary grass.

#### Reports and Updates

24. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski NO Update

25. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington- No Update

26. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre No Update  
There was a recent webinar that was recorded and is available.

27. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson

- a. Winter Workshop in February
- b. Calls for cover crops right now with the cost share that is available.
- c. Wisconsin Soil and Water Health Conference in December.

28. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers- Mark Jenks
  - a. Completed 3 field days this year. Drone interseeding in September They have been well attended. Generating a lot of interest.
29. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
  - a. Question on the score sheet of the imminent threats or study. It should be on the website as a link. Will acquire an electronic copy from Tom Slawski.

## Correspondence

7/29/24 Invoice from Racine Journal Times. Forwarded to Wayne Jensen.

8/1/24 Enhanced customer statement from Citizens Bank. Forwarded to Wayne Jensen

9/5/24 Email from Tom Slawski with invite to the Fox River Day Launch Party.

10/22/24 Sara DeBruijn emailed that it was her last day at the DNR and Chris Halbur will be taking over in the interim period.

10/24/24 Katelyn Bratz forwarded a message to commissioners from the WWMD with their fall update.

10/25/24 Email from Chad Sampson with a number of projects for the upcoming meeting.

## Miscellaneous Issues

1. Alan Barrows- Tall Pines Conservancy in Waukesha have purchased a farm in the village of Waukesha. The main stem of the river runs through the property. They are doing diversified agriculture. They are taking parts out of production. It will be many years of work. Like minded group within our boundaries.
2. Next Meeting and Location
  - a. Dec 13. 1 pm. Virtual Meeting.
3. Close Meeting
  - a. Russ Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion.
  - c. Motion passes

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## Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 13, 2024 – 1 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

### Commissioner's Present:

Alan Barrows, Waukesha County  
Chad Sampson, Racine County  
Donna Duester, Town of Wheatland  
Ellen Cole, Village of Big Bend  
Lee Manthey, Town of Vernon  
Jim Pindel, Town of Waterford  
Wayne Jensen, Village of Rochester  
Robin Grams, City of Waukesha  
Fred Koeller, Village of Waterford  
Wayne Castle, Village of Mukwonago  
Tom Slawski, SEWRPC (non-voting)  
Mark Jenks, Kenosha County (non-voting)

### Guests:

Kailyn Palomares, Racine County (non-voting)  
Kelsey Norton, WI DNR (non-voting)

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting at 1:09 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Chad Sampson recording the meeting and taking minutes.
5. Approval of the meeting minutes from October 25, 2024
  - a. Ellen Cole made a motion to approve the previous minutes.
  - b. Wayne Castle seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion Passes
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM Project Status
  - a. August and September Reports were received in an email from Jim Pindel.
  - b. Wayne Jensen gave an overview of the balances.
  - c. A motion was made by Ellen Cole to approve the Treasurer's Report
  - d. The motion was seconded by Jim Pindel.
    - i. Motion Passes

### Old Business

1. Fox River Summit 2025
  - a. Tom Slawski said next Fox River Summit is Thursday, March 13, 2025.
  - b. The Veteran's Terrace has been reserved.
  - c. Tom is currently requesting speakers for the event.
  - d. Tom asked Chad if the WPCRC is interested in speaking and Chad indicated they would be interested.

2. Report on the Fox River Project
  - a. Alan Barrows stated that he hopes to be submitted final paperwork next week.
  - b. Alan Barrows showed some photos of the final project.
  - c. Ellen Cole asked the location of the project.
  - d. Alan stated the project is in the Village of Waukesha and southwest of the City of Waukesha.
3. WWMD Project – No report.
4. SEWRPC Survey from the Waterford Dam to Illinois border.
  - a. Tom Slawski stated that this report was superceded by a Natural Areas report.
  - b. Tom predicts it will be completed in early 2025.
5. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration
  - a. Kelsey Norton, WDNR, stated the have broken ground.
  - b. She said the use of some free track dump trucks got caught up in legal matters.
  - c. She said they were able to get some track dump trucks from partners in the Fisheries department.
  - d. She said the final step will be having a water control structure to keep the elevation up.
6. Waukesha Water Diversion – No report.
7. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration
  - a. Chad stated the project was completed in August and the contractor was paid.
  - b. Chad said we are only waiting for the reimbursement.
8. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers
  - a. Chad stated that he has not received a new re-design.
9. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II
  - a. Chad said this work was completed at the end of September.
  - b. Chad said the County was paid and we are just awaiting reimbursement.

#### New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan
  - a. Alan stated he gave Russ Egan and Jim Pindel hard copies of the draft plan as they had requested.
  - b. Jim Pindel said he was going to look at the plan and have comments soon.
  - c. Tom Slawski said that he and Mark Jenks were coordinating some of the maps and other elements.

2. Review Commissioner List and alternates – including responsibilities.
  - a. Ellen Cole stated that she and Larry Long are the representative and alternate from the Village of Big Bend.
  - b. Jim Pindel requested a letter or meeting minutes stating this.
3. Town to Village or Waukesha change
  - a. Jim Pindel said we don't need the State to approve the Commissioners from the Town now that it is a Village.
4. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan / Coordinator Group – No report.
5. Wetlands Restoration within the Village of Vernon
  - a. Alan Barrows stated that the project has gone out to bid.
  - b. Alan continued to say they chose the plan with breaking drain tile and includes wetland scrapes.
  - c. Alan said he needs to have the project approved by County Board in January.
  - d. Alan also said if there are change orders that he may request additional funding from the Commission.
  - e. The project was made as a combination "Design to Build".
6. Magner Shoreline Protection
  - a. Chad referred to Kailyn Palomares on Racine County staff to give the presentation.
  - b. Kailyn gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
7. Plantz Shoreline Protection
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
8. Doering Shoreline Protection
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
9. Milczarski Shoreline Protection
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
10. McCormick Shoreline Protection
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
11. Hondel Shoreline Restoration
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.
12. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements
  - a. Kailyn Palomares gave the presentation and requested \$9,000 cost share.

## Reports and Updates

1. Report on the activities of the Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois. No report.
2. Report on the future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington. No report.
3. Report on the Fox River Watershed TMDL Process. No report.
  - a. Ellen Cole asked what the TMDL was.
  - b. Alan Barrows stated a Total Maximum Daily Load is being used as a water quality measuring stick for items such as sediment or phosphorus. Currently, the Fox River is in the process of developing a TMDL.
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
  - a. The Winter Workshop is Monday, February 10, 2025 at the Cotton Exchange in Waterford.
  - b. Tom Cotter from Minnesota is going to be the speaker.
  - c. It is an all day event and lunch is included.
5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers
  - a. The group is hosting a meeting on Friday, February 28 at the Kenosha County Center.
  - b. They are bringing in Bill Salentine from North Carolina.
6. SEWFRC Website. No report.

## Correspondence

10/25/24 – Email from Alan Barrows with draft copy of new Implementation Plan attached.

10/25/24 – Email from Ellen Cole of the Village of Big Bend that neither she or Larry Long received the link to the 10/25/24 virtual meeting.

11/22/24 – Email from Cassandra Hiller of the Village of Salem Lakes stating that Bill Hopkins has resigned from the SEWFRC. Brad Zuatcke will attend in his place. The Village Board will appoint a new Commissioner.

## Miscellaneous Issues

1. Jim Pindel asked to have an in-person meeting. The meeting date was set for January, 24 at 1 p.m. at the Vernon Fire Station #1 in Big Bend.
2. A motion by Chad Sampson to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen Cole at 1:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson, SEWFRC Commissioner