

Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2025 at 1 p.m. – In person meeting at Big Bend

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
Roger Adams, Village of Waukesha
Robin Grams, City of Waukesha
Fred Koeller, Village of Waterford
Wayne Castle, Village of Mukwonago
Andy, Village of Salem Lakes

Guests:

Kailyn Palomares, Racine County (non-voting)
Grant Horn, WWMD (non-voting)

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting at 1:02 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 December 13, 2024
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the previous minutes.
 - b. Robin Grams seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion Passes
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM Project Status
 - a. December reports were received in an email from Jim Pindel.
 - b. Jim Pindel gave an overview of the new color spreadsheet.
 - c. A motion was made by Fred Koeller 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. The Fox River Summit is Thursday, March 13, 2025.
 - b. Commissioners wanting to attend can be reimbursed by the Commission.
 - c. Registration is available online.
2. Report on the Fox River Project
 - a. Alan Barrows stated the project is complete and final paperwork went to Wayne about two weeks ago.

- b. Alan Barrows said some photos of the final project will be on the website.
 - c. Jim Pindel asked if there were signs on the project and Alan stated that there were multiple partners and there will be signs recognizing all of them.
3. WWMD Project
- a. Grant Horn said he had put together a master plan for the dredging project back in September.
 - b. Grant said a sand and gravel site less than 300 yards from the Fox River was going to be gifted to the Village and used as a dewatering site / sediment disposal site.
 - c. The dredging company that was chosen is doing a lot of hurricane relief work in Florida and was not responding to WWMD to do the dredging here.
 - d. Grant reached out to another company, but the cost was double.
 - e. The WWMD is currently working on getting a quote from Michels.
4. SEWRPC Survey from the Waterford Dam to Illinois border.
- a. Alan Barrow stated Tom Slawski was completing a report from the Waterford Dam south to the Illinois border to identify erosion and other conditions of the river.
5. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration – No report
6. Waukesha Water Diversion
- a. Grant Horn indicated they are no longer going to study the water levels because it appears there is not impact due to the diversion.
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 and will be contacting the owner to make sure they are moving forward with the project.
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 that we are currently in the process of updating the plan.
 - b. Chad Sampson suggested using non-grant funds to complete the update.
2. Review Commissioner List and alternates – including responsibilities.
 - a. Jim Pindel requested keeping this as agenda item until we have correspondence from all communities.

- b. Chad Sampson said he would contact members at the Town of Burlington and City of Burlington for representation.
- 3. Town to Village or Waukesha change
 - a. Roger Adams was present and represents the Village of Waukesha.
- 4. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan / Coordinator Group – No report.
- 5. Wetlands Restoration within the Village of Vernon
 - a. Alan Barrows stated he was using multiple grants to pay for the project.
 - b. All bids came in over budget, but they were able to secure additional funds.
 - c. Alan expects the construction to begin in February.

Chad Sampson requested items 6 through 11 be lumped together.

- 6. Magner Shoreline Protection
 - a. Meets scoring criteria.
 - b. \$9,000 was requested.
- 7. Plantz Shoreline Protection
 - a. Meets scoring criteria
 - b. \$9,000 was requested.
- 8. Doering Shoreline Protection
 - a. Meets scoring criteria.
 - b. Unused funds from other projects may be moved here.
- 9. Milczarski Shoreline Protection
 - a. Meets scoring criteria.
 - b. \$9,000 was requested.
- 10. McCormick Shoreline Protection
 - a. Meets scoring criteria.
 - b. Unused funds from other projects may be moved here.
- 11. Hondel Shoreline Restoration
 - a. Meets scoring criteria.
 - b. \$9,000 was requested.

A motion by Fred Koeller was seconded by Jim Pindel to approve items #6 through #11. Motion passed unanimously.

- 12. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements
 - a. Chad Sampson stated this is Phase III of the project.
 - b. \$6,606.42 was requested

- c. A motion was made by Ellen Cole.
- d. Motion was seconded by Wayne Castle.
- e. Motion passed unanimously.

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.
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
 - a. The Winter Workshop is Monday, February 10, 2024 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. No report.
6. SEWFRC Website. No report.

Correspondence

12/26/2024 – Email from Tom Slawski with attached request from the Friends of the Fox asking for a list of projects the commission accomplished in 2024 for the state of the fox address.

12/30/2024 – Email from the Fox Valley Group with attached invoice for publication in the Racine Journal Times. Forwarded to Wayne Jensen.

1/13/2025 – Email to Village of Waukesha requesting their participation in the SEWFRC.

1/21/2025 – Email from Chad Sampson with attached brochure for the 2025 Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County's Winter Workshop.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. The next meeting was set for March 14 at 1 p.m. at the Big Bend Fire Station.
2. A motion by Chad Sampson to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen Cole at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson, SEWFRC Commissioner



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 14, 2025 - 1:00 PM

In person Meeting to be held at:

Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln Big Bend Wi 53103

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes- Chad Sampson
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes- Alan Barrows
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes- Katelyn Bratz
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes- Jim Pindel
Town of Waukesha		
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long (Ellen Cole)	Yes-Ellen Cole
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes- Wayne Castle
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes- Fred Koeller
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes- Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington		
Town of Wheatland	Donna Duester	Yes- Donna Duester
Village of Salem Lakes	Andy Kreye	Yes- Andy Kreye
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR		
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
	Terrance O'Brien
Village of Salem Lakes	Jared Young

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Call meeting to order. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting the order at 1:00 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum.
4. Confirm the Teams Voice recorder is running.
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held January 24, 2025.
 - a. Alan Barrows made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passes
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
 - a. We have completed ENUM-24
 - b. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the ENUM project status.
 - c. Alan Barrow seconded the motion.
 - d. Motion passes

Old Business

1. Fox River 2025 Summit – Tom Slawski
 - a. Had a great turnout, seemed to be more approachable for everyone, less technical, which was appreciated.
 - b. Potential for a guide for riparian owners, could be a project in the future.
 - c. One of the best that has occurred in recent years. Presentations were great, topics were good.
 - d. Great attendance
 - e. Any members that would like to be reimbursed for their attendance let Wayne know.
2. Report on Fox River Park Project (completed) – Alan Barrows
 - a. There was a presentation on the project at the Summit.
 - b. Paid and Approved- can be removed from the agenda.

3. WWMD Project-Grant Horn
 - a. Touring the sites
 - b. Was at a dredging conference, consulting with many people
 - c. Hopefully getting bids soon. Bids from 2023 are not valid anymore.
4. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. No update
5. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
 - a. No update
6. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration (completed)– Chad Sampson
 - a. Waiting on reimbursement from WDNR
7. Racine County Shoreline Projects – Chad Sampson
 - a. This agenda item includes the Magner, Plantz, Doering Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel shorelines which were individually approved at the 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting.
 - i. All have a design and are out for bids.
 - ii. Some have firm prices, some do not.
 - iii. They will sign the contract. Waiting for firm numbers on the contracts
 - iv. Will be applying for permits
 - v. Goal of Aug. - Sept.
8. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson
 - a. Reached out to owner.
 - b. Need to know if he is continuing to pursue the project.
 - c. Needed to update project, less permeable pavers, more specifics on the plans.
 - d. Discussing what would be best for the location.
9. Margis Wildlife Area Phase II (completed) – Chad Sampson
 - a. Submitted and Approved- Can removed from the agenda.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows – Could we hire someone to finish the project, using non-grant funds? We have worked with Foth. We could solicit quotes from that arena. Have we already done most of the difficult work?
 - a. Katelyn could work on the finishing work over the summer
2. Review Commissioner List and alternates-including responsibilities-
 - a. Village of Waukesha responded to Alan to reach out.
 - b. Have we heard from Racine County on replacement for Mark Jenks?
No.
3. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild
 - a. Gail Goodchild has moved into the director role.
 - b. Alan Barrows will reach out to Gail for more information.

4. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within Village of Vernon- Alan Barrows
 - a. Construction started on the project.
 - b. Wetland restoration, broke the drain tiles this week. The scrapes are completed. Will dewater through next week. They will then come in a seed it. They are converting 20 acres to resources for wildlife.
5. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements – Chad Sampson
 - a. Going to continue invasive brush removal. Use rip rap in August or September.
6. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot Wi – Jared Young
 - a. The project has started, but the project is at a halt.
 - b. South of the Fox River bridge, the greatest curve south of Hwy C. People are losing several feet of property. People will start losing their sheds.
 - c. The survey lists it as a severe case of erosion. Next to the boat launch in Wilmot.
 - d. WDNR has come out, they would like more stone to help with the erosion.
 - e. They went to the county, but WDNR has agreed to waive all the permits.
 - f. They are out of funding and do not know where to go.
 - g. The toxicity of the materials left on the shoreline, was unexpected.
 - h. The amount of concrete that was previously put in, there were carcinogenic materials which has all been removed.
 - i. The clean up became a major unexpected expense.
 - j. Tiling was used due to all the springs that were found. Unclogged and reactivated.
 - k. They had been approved for the use of the boulders. Which the cost was high.
 - l. 60-70% of the project is done.
 - m. WDNR said they can go 8 feet into the river to remove sediment and return it to the bank.
 - n. Need to neutralize the sediment with lime and adding vegetation.
 - o. Jim Pindel asked if the work completed has it been paid for. No, it has not been paid for. The loan is being used to pay the previous expenses.
 - i. We don't approve a project that has already been started per Jim Pindel. In the past we were not allowed to fund previously began projects.
 - ii. Could we break it into future phases? Pay for parts that are not yet begun.
 - iii. Chad Sampson- We cannot actually vote today? Can we follow up with the WDNR on what their thoughts are on our funding? With our new funding source this is not necessary- per Jim Pindel.
 - iv. Owner never had any knowledge that this was an avenue of funding.
 - v. Fred Koeller- Can you pay off what you have done, and come to us with a phase two?
 - vi. Chad Sampson- We do not have much ENUM funds remaining. What are the rules for the non-grant funds?
 - vii. Is this one land owner or multiple? It is multiple land owners.
 - viii. Fred Koeller- What is the parcel that remains. It is one landowner, but they fixed a bit of the neighbor's land as well in the projects. Two tax parcels. Both parcels have been worked on, neither is completed.
 - ix. DNR is requiring additional stone. Pry close to \$45,000 just in stone.

- x. What remains in the project? placement of stone. The backfill and topsoil for regrading.
- xi. What is the SERPRC survey assessment of the property? Is it a high priority case for funding?
- xii. Alan Barrows- the projects that we do often don't have one funding source. They sometimes have other funding sources. Alan is available to share some of these other sources.
- xiii. Wayne Castle- Does Salem Lakes have an Adaptive Management Plan? Burlington might have an action area that Salem Lakes would be in.
- xiv. Fire Department has been consulted about using the property for access with the new shoreline.
- xv. There is potential in our non-grant funds and ENUM -26

Reports and Updates

- 1. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski – Going well, saw a conference.
- 2. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington
 - a. No update
- 3. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. Sounded finished at the summit.
- 4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Had their winter workshop in Feb. Had 85 people in attendance. Kiss the Ground and Common Ground are great movies for regenerative agriculture. Will have a viewing and panel for questions. Can register online at the Farmer's Group. March 28, 1 pm.
- 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers-
 - a. Forwarded an email. Their upcoming meeting is the 19th.
- 6. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No Update

Correspondence

1/25/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

1/28/25 Email from Chad Sampson with attached 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting minutes and request to combine the six new shoreline projects in Racine County into a single agenda line item.

2/13/25 Email from Alan Barrows to Katelyn Bratz and Jim Pindel with attached Cost Share Agreement for the Fox Bend Wetland Restoration.

2/20/25 Email from Tom Slawski reminding us to sign up for the 2025 Fox River Summit.

3/7/25 Emails and Phone call from Jared Young concerning Fox River Restoration Project at Wilmot Wi.

3/2/25 Email from Jared Young Concerning Restoration Project

3/6/25 Email from Kenosha Regenerative Farmers Group reminding on their upcoming meeting.

3/7/25 Email from Jared Young and Terry O'Brien concerning restoration project

3/12/25 Email from Jonathan Schapekahn asking for a letter of support for City of Waukesha application for WDNR Urban Non Point Source Planning Grant to update the city's stormwater Quality Management Plan

3/12/25 2 emails from Jill Rozell of Kenosha County asking for a letter of support for Urban Non Point Source Planning Grant to update the stormwater management plan and to conduct modeling to determine if the county can possibly meet new TMDL requirements.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. April 11th- 1 pm. Vernon Fire Department.
2. Close Meeting
 - a. Alan Barrows made a motion for adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Fred Koeller seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes

* If you have any questions about the Agenda, please contact Secretary Jim Pindel at jpindel@wi.rr.com or (414) 550 8213.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2025 - 1:00 PM

In person Meeting to be held at:

Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln Big Bend Wi 53103

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Paul Tollard (non-voting)	Andy Buehler
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Chad Sampson
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
Village of Waukesha		
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long (Ellen Cole)	Ellen Cole
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington		
Town of Wheatland	Donna Duester	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	(non-voting)	

WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	
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Guests	
Representing	Name
Terrance O'Brien	
Karen O'Brien	
Jared Young	
Paul Tollard	Kenosha County

1. Call meeting to order Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum.
4. Confirm the Teams Voice recorder is running.
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held March 14, 2025.
 - a. Jim Pindel made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
 - i. Enum-24 closed
 - ii. Enum-25 submitted and waiting on two project reimbursements.
 - b. Robin Grams made a motion to approve the treasurer's report.
 - c. Ellen Cole seconded the motion.
 - d. Motion passes

Old Business

1. Fox River 2025 Summit – Tom Slawski
 - a. Robin Grams checking in on how to be reimbursed for the summit.
2. Report on Fox River Park Project (completed) – Alan Barrows
 - a. Remove from Agenda
3. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
4. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR No Update
5. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration (completed)– Chad Sampson
 - a. Waiting on reimbursement
6. Racine County Shoreline Projects – Chad Sampson
This agenda item includes the Magner, Plantz, Doering Milczarski, McCormick and

- Hondel shorelines which were individually approved at the 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting.
- a. Contractors have been chosen.
 - b. Some of the proposals might be slightly under what had been requested.
 - c. Hoping to use other sources.
 - d. No permits have been received.
 - e. Will most likely have to wait until after August 1st to begin construction.
7. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson
- a. Have not received a new plan from owner.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
 - a. No Update
2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild
 - a. No Update
3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within Village of Vernon- Alan Barrows
 - a. Construction is complete
 - i. Earthwork is complete and seeding done.
4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements – Chad Sampson
 - a. Removing invasive species and rebuilding shoreline.
 - b. Work will be done inhouse.
 - c. Hoping complete around Labor Day
5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot Wi – Jared Young
 - a. On hold waiting on funding.
 - b. Creating a new site plan for Kenosha County
 - c. Andy Buehler- They met yesterday on the project. There was a shoreline project issued in Nov and a general exemption permit through the DNR.
 - i. There has been a stop work order.
 - ii. Waiting on new plans before permits to be issued.
 - iii. Estimating the project is 65% completed.
 - iv. Tom Slawski sent an email stating (SEWRPC Survey): Although this area is within the high priority zone (within 1,000 feet of the water's edged or floodway, whichever is greater), this site was not identified or mapped as a priority site for either erosion or for nonpoint source pollution reduction. See below or attached file. There are priority erosion sites mapped upstream of this area. Since this area is developed land and not agricultural land, that is why it is not identified as a nonpoint agricultural areas for BMP implementation. It is also important to note that I conducted the shoreline survey in 2017
 - v. Chad Sampson, to clarify, we need to wait for the updated plan prior to reviewing SEWFRC project acceptance criteria. Yes.
 - vi. Jared Young- When will another SEWPRC Survey be completed. Unknown.
 - vii. Once we have the new plan we can discuss the project acceptance criteria and the funding.

- viii. Andy Buehler- At the moment, the permit was only issued from the one parcel.
- ix. Jared Young- There are two tax keys.
 - 1. Both of which will need to have shoreline permits issued for both properties per Andy Buehler.
- x. We would need the cost broken out per parcel to determine the funding administration.

Reports and Updates

- 1. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
- 2. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington
 - a. No Update
- 3. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. No Update
- 4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Had a past showing of Common Ground.
 - i. There was around 45 people in attendance.
 - ii. Had a farmer panel after the movie.
 - 1. Had a great discussion on the regenerative ag movement
 - b. Applied for grant through the Sand County Foundation.
 - c. Had an informal meeting in late March. There were around 20 farmers brainstorming.
 - d. Summer Field day second Thursday in September.
- 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers- Andy Buehler
 - a. Paul Tollard is the new county land conservationist.
 - i. Reached out to the group.
 - ii. Will be inquiring about their goals.
- 6. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No Update

Correspondence

3/14/25 Revised agenda for 3/14/25 meeting sent to all including the addition of the potential Terrance O'Brien property project and Power Point Presentation from Jared Young.

3/17/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

3/20/25 Email from Bill Hopkins requesting he be added to the list of people copied with our meeting minutes

3/28/25 Email from Jim Pindel to Andy Buehler making sure he was aware of the potential project at the Terry O'Brien property just south of Wilmont Wi.

3/28/25 Email from Paul Tollard (Kenosha County Conservationist) stating he has contacted Terry O'Brien and Jared Young and will visit the site for evaluation.

3/29/25 letter of recommendation to Kenosha County on behalf of the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC) for your grant application.

3/29/25 letter of recommendation to City of Waukesha on behalf of the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC) for your grant application.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. We have 6 municipalities in Waukesha, 6 municipalities in Racine County. We do not have municipalities in Kenosha County. Maybe we need to do something for more participation. In the past there were presentations to encourage participation. Maybe we need to come up with a plan for Kenosha County.
 2. Andy Buehler- We usually fund prior to start of the project. Do we need to share that upfront more. Discussed that we had shared with O'Brien, at the past meeting that we are not able to fund any of the work that has already been completed.
 3. Discussion of the quality of projects that we are discussing. Chad Sampson discussed that there are projects that come to him, which he does not bring to the commission, as they do not meet or align with our goals and priorities.
 4. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. May 9th 1:00 pm. Vernon Fire House.
 5. Close Meeting
 - a. Andy Buehler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Wayne Jensen seconded the motion.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 1:57.
- * If you have any questions about the Agenda, please contact Secretary Jim Pindel

Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 9, 2025 at 1 p.m. – In person meeting at Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln. Big Bend, WI 53103

Commissioner's Present:

Alan Barrows, Waukesha County
Jim Pindel, Town of Waterford
Fred Koeller, Village of Waterford
Barb Holtz, Town of Mukwanago
Wayne Jensen, Village of Rochester
Robin Grams, City of Waukesha
Wayne Castle, Village of Mukwonago
Lee Manthey, Town of Vernon
Jon Grove, Racine County
Andy Buehler, Kenosha County
Donna Duester, Town of Wheatland

Guests:

Terrance O'Brian, Homeowner
Jared Young, Contractor
Paul Tollard, Kenosha County

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting at 1:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Jim Pindel recording the meeting, Jon Grove recording the meeting and taking minutes.
5. Approval of the meeting minutes from April 11, 2025
 - a. Jim Pindel made a motion to approve the previous minutes.
 - b. Andy Buehler seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion Passes
6. Review of the Treasurer's Report and ENUM Project Status
 - a. April reports were received in an email from Jim Pindel.
 - b. Wayne Jensen gave an overview of reports and is waiting for project reimbursement.
 - c. A motion was made by Fred Koeller to approve the Treasurer's Report
 - d. The motion was seconded by Robin Grams.
 - i. Motion Passes

Old Business

1. Fox River Summit 2025 – No report.
2. SEWRPC Survey from the Waterford Dam to Illinois border – No report.
3. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration – No report.

4. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration
 - a. Jon Grove said the project was completed, waiting on reimbursement.

5. Racine County Shoreline Projects - Magner, Plantz, Doering, Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel shorelines
 - a. Jon Grove said all projects are designed, cultural resources and threatened and endangered species reviews have been submitted. Some projects will need a closer review of cultural resources.
 - b. Jon Grove stated contractors have been chosen.
 - c. Jon Grove said the timeline for construction is between August 1st and October 1st.

6. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers
 - a. Jon Grove stated that he has not received a new re-design.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan
 - a. Alan Barrows stated that Katelyn Bratz has offered to make final edits to plan once school is out since she is a school teacher.

2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan / Regional Coordinator Group – No Report

3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within the Village of Vernon
 - a. Alan Barrows said the earthwork portion(wildlife scrapes, tile breaks) of project is complete.
 - b. Alan Barrows said the vegetation phase has started but will take two seasons.
 - c. Alan Barrows stated he received an email from Ducks Unlimited offering more funding for the project through a NAWCA grant.

4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements
 - a. Jon Grove stated the invasive species removal and streambank stabilization will occur between August 1st and October 1st.
 - b. Jon Grove stated the labor will be completed by the Racine County Public Works and Parks staff.

5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot WI
 - a. Jared Young, the contractor, handed out updated plans and stated that the project has gotten all permits from Kenosha County. Paul Tollard confirmed that both landowners reissued stipulated permits from Kenosha County.
 - b. Jared Young gave an overview of the estimates for each landowner.
 - c. Jared Young is requesting \$22,000 for the McManus property and \$100,000 for the O'Brian property.
 - d. Jared Young also stated that he will be looking into other grant funding sources. Wayne Castle stated that there might be funding from some wastewater treatment facilities through adaptive management, some discussion followed in reference to funding from Adaptive management, Multi-discharger variance(MDV) program and Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse.

- e. Alan Barrows asked for the project to be scored on the SEWFRC project acceptance criteria. The commission scored the project, and it received 42 points which makes the project meet acceptance criteria.
- f. A motion made by Fred Koeller to accept the project, pending funding for portions of the project that are within SEWFRC budget.
- g. The motion was seconded by Wayne Castle.
 - 1. Motion passes.

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 Progress.
 - a. Alan Barrows stated there is a webinar next week referencing the Fox River Watershed TMDL Progress.
 - b. Wayne Castle said there has been some discussion between the WI DNR and local wastewater plants in the area to better understand the requirements set by the WI DNR.
- 4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
 - a. Jon Grove said the group received a Sand County Foundation RCPP grant for \$100,000 to cost-share soil health practices such as no-till, planting cover crops and planting green.
 - b. Jon Grove said the group's Summer Field Day is planned for Thursday, September 11 at Case Eagle Park.
- 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers.
 - a. Paul Tollard stated the group just had a pasture fencing workshop and it was well attended.
- 6. SEWFRC Website. No report.

Correspondence

4/14/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

4/28/25 Announcement and invitation to today's meeting.

5/9/25 Wayne Jensen received correspondence from the host scribe for the SEWFRC website that the annual fee is due and will be paid on May 12th.

Miscellaneous Issues

- 1. The next meeting was set for June 20 at 1 p.m. at the Big Bend Fire Station.
- 2. A motion by Robin Grams to adjourn. Seconded by Andy Buehler at 1:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jon Grove, SEWFRC alternate Commissioner



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 20, 2025 - 1:00 PM

In person Meeting to be held at:

Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln Big Bend Wi 53103

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Paul Tollard (non-voting)	Yes- Paul Tollard
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes- Chad Sampson
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes- Alan Barrows
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes- Robin Grams
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes- Katelyn Bratz
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes- Lee Manthey
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes- Jim Pindel
Town of Waukesha		
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long (Ellen Cole)	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes- Fred Koeller
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes- Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington		Howard Moser
Town of Wheatland	Donna Deuster	Yes- Donna Deuster

Village of Salem Lakes	Andy Kreye	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR		
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
	Terrance O'Brien
Village of Salem Lakes	Jared Young
Racine County	Kailyn Palomares
Racine County Emergency Management	Lorenzo Santos, Liz Adams

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Call meeting to order. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum.
4. Confirm the Teams Voice recorder is running.
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held May 9, 2025.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the May minutes.
 - b. Alan Barrows seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passes.
6. Review the Treasurer's Report and ENUM project status.
 - i. Wayne Jensen clarified the new process for ENUM funds. We will receive the \$100,000 in funds each year in July. There will be no reserve that needs to be requested anymore.
 - ii. We will also not need to send in a report at the end of each project. We will send one report at the end of each ENUM.
 1. Jim Pindel commented that he did not like the one report at the end of the ENUM. If a project is early in the ENUM there could be difficulties 2 years later reviewing the paperwork. Wayne Jensen agreed. We will submit paperwork as we finish projects.
 - b. Chad Samson approved the Treasurer's report as presented.
 - c. Donna Deuster Seconded the motion
 - d. Motion Passes.

Old Business

1. Fox River 2025 Summit – Tom Slawski- No update

2. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski- No Update
3. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR- No Update
4. Poplar Circle Shoreline Restoration (completed)– Chad Sampson been approved and can be removed from the agenda.
5. Racine County Shoreline Projects – Chad Sampson
This agenda item includes the Magner, Plantz, Doering Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel shorelines which were individually approved at the 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting.
 - a. Kailyn Palomares shared, they are on track. All contractors have been selected. Permits are received. Construction to start after August 1.
6. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson
 - a. Chad has had no response from the property owner. He will continue to reach out for more information.
 - b. Fred Koeller made a motion that if we do not receive an answer in 30 days we can reallocate the funds
 - c. Jim Pindel seconded the motion
 - d. Motion passes
 - i. Chad Sampson will write a letter informing them of the decision.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
 - a. Katelyn Bratz will work this summer to review and edit the final document.
 - b. Alan Barrows reviewed there are some questions, and potential deletions.
 - c. The plan is available for online review, if interested.
2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild. No Update
3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within Village of Vernon- Alan Barrows
 - a. Vegetation management portion is underway. Originally it was going to be a mowing and herbicide spray to prepare for reseeding of native plants
 - b. Chad Sampson How many acres of open water is that allowed for- The scrapes were expensive because the soil had to be removed from the flood plan. 2-3 acres of water.
4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements – Chad Sampson
 - a. Improve the access, remove the invasive species and stabilize the embankment. Will keep working in phases until the whole shoreline is improved. Project will start in Aug-Sept.
5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot Wi – Jared Young or Kenosha County

- a. Jared Young shared the bare minimum estimate for the project is \$56,110.00 for the O'Brien property and \$15686.00 for the McManus property.
 - b. All of the paperwork has been submitted. Goal for October to complete the work. They have reached out to other agencies for funding.
 - c. DNR requested the removal of contaminated soil
 - d. Fred Koeller clarified that we have \$18,000 available for use.
 - e. Paul Tollard clarified that the funding is available.
 - f. Jim Pindel clarified that we pay when the work is complete. We require proof of payment and photos of before and after.
6. Annual Budget Report
- a. Wayne Jensen, We will discuss the report in the July meeting. Please submit your projects.
 - b. We will have a preliminary look at the report at the next meeting.
 - c. Then we will publish, the report needs to be published two weeks before the meeting.
7. New River Gauge- The equipment in Burlington is obsolete and the gauge is uninstalled. All the other major areas have operational gauges. Burlington has a gap. They are looking to add the gauge at the Jefferson street bridge. The installation and the yearly maintenance is costly. Before putting a formal application, does this meet the requirements of our projects.
- a. It was decided previously we could not pay for maintenance, does this change with the funding sources?
 - b. \$16,500 for the installation of the gauge.
 - c. Annual \$14,800 per year for the maintenance and running of the gauge.
 - d. Without the historical data we cannot predict what the flood stage data looks like.
 - e. We will review the implementation plan, but we will reach out to our DNR contact. Add this item topic to the agenda for the next meeting.

Reports and Updates

1. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski No Update
2. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington- Howard Moser shared the plans are done. Ther permit from the DNR has been approved. The project is going out to bid next Thursday. July 10th will have a prebid onsite visit. Construction between May 2026-May 2027. The gates once ordered are about 1 year out. Once that is complete the dredging project will begin. Looking for sites for dewatering.
 - a. Alan Barrows is there an engineer's estimate. Approx. 4 million not including the dredging ballpark 4 for the dredging. These are old, so they may not be accurate
 - b. Is Browns Lake being dredged? Wayne Jensen. They are very close to starting. Dewatering pond is on the east side of the bypass.
3. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. Per Alan Barrows- There was a webinar bout two weeks ago. It was recorded and is available on the DNR website. Paul Tollard a lot of the information presented shared the Illinois Chain of Lakes using Grass Lake as the basis for the reductions in the watershed. The water quality criteria for the lake is different than the river. With the

current criteria on the Wisconsin side, the goals are higher, so Grass Lake cannot meet their goals. There is still a lot of work. The target date is 2071. Implementation of the TMDL could lead to great improvement rather quickly. Chad Sampson, Is there any funding available for the TMDL. There is no funding.

- b. Should we be tracking our work in terms of the TMDL? This could be valuable information. Could be a good talking point when we go to the legislature. Can we add to the agenda our TMDL progress. What is the process for our tracking and usage of the info.
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. They met in March and discussed a grant. They received the grant from the Sand County Foundation for \$100,000. Awareness is rising on the need for cover crops. Come to the Watershed Protection Committee Summer field day is on Sept 11. Encourage all to come.
 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers
 - a. Had a field day yesterday. They have events coming up.
 6. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Alan Barrows is looking for the 2014 erosion study. There was a prioritized list of projects there. Presence of some of the studies could be linked to the website.
 - b. There are new projects listed with pictures.

Correspondence

5/12/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

6/2/25 Email from Christine Halbur of the WDNR outlining the new procedure for handling ENUM tracking and reimbursements. Send to Wayne Jensen and Katelyn Bratz.

6/3/25 Announcement and invitation to today's meeting.

6/18/25. Katelyn Bratz emailed Kelsey Norton of the WDNR asking for a project update on the Vernon Marsh.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Election of Officers will be at the same meeting as the public hearing.
2. Next Meeting and Location
3. Close Meeting
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passes.

d. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

Minutes

Friday, July 25, 2025 - 1:00 PM

In person Meeting to be held at:

Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln Big Bend Wi 53103

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Paul Tollard (non-voting)	Yes- Paul Tollard
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes- Chad Sampson
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes- Katelyn Bratz
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes- Lee Manthey
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes- Jim Pindel
Village of Waukesha	Roger Adams	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long (Ellen Cole)	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes- Wayne Castle
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes- Fred Koeller
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes- Wayne Jensen
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington		Howard Moser
Town of Wheatland	Donna Deuster	Yes- Donna Duester

Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins (Andy Kreye)	Yes- Bill Hopkins
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR		
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
WWMD	Grant Horn
WDNR	Kelsey Norton
Racine County Emergency Management	Lorenzo Santos, Liz Adams

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Call meeting to order. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum.
4. Confirm the Teams Voice recorder is running.
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held June 20, 2025.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Donna Duester seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes
6. Review the Treasurer’s Report and ENUM project status.
 - a. Have received the ENUM-25 funding of \$100,000.
 - i. June balance \$257,473.02
 - ii. ENUM-24 has been complete.
 - b. Bill Hopkins made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as read.
 - c. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - d. Motion passes.
7. Review of the preliminary 2025 -2026 SEWFRC Budget.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for publication.
 - b. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passes.

Old Business

1. Fox River 2025 & 2026 Summits – Tom Slawski
 - a. 2025 has been approved and can be removed from the agenda.
2. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. Grant Horn asked, how long has this been on the agenda?

- i. Exact time frame was unknown.
 - b. Jim Pindel will send email Tom Slawski inquiring for the update of the report.
- 3. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration-Kelsey Norton, WDNR
 - a. Majority of the dike rebuild was done in December.
 - b. This past week the two water control structures were completed.
 - c. All that remains is seeding and riprap.
 - d. Will be done ASAP.
 - e. Preliminary estimates have come in at \$49,000. Don't have the exact numbers yet.
 - f. Submit the invoices when complete.
 - g. Public seems happy with the project.
 - h. Will coordinate for a sign out there.
- 4. Racine County Shoreline Projects – Chad Sampson

This agenda item includes the Magner, Plantz, Doering Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel shorelines which were individually approved at the 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting.

 - a. All are ready, 2-3 will potentially come in under budget.
 - b. Contractors has been selected. August 4th is the estimated start date.
 - c. Permits and approvals have been acquired.
 - d. Goal of completion is September 30th.
- 5. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson
 - a. Owner has not submitted a new plan.
 - b. Talking about rain garden and pricing.
 - c. Owner began construction on the raingarden without approval.
 - d. They are not doing the permeable pavers where originally planned. There are smaller raingardens going in.
 - e. What they are planning will be an improvement.
 - f. Chad Sampson has requested plans for the project.
 - g. The Commission needs to see the plans before moving forward.
 - h. What happens when there are changes in the project from what was proposed for the project? Discussion Followed.

New Business

- 1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
 - a. Can we add a section about the revisions as a whole?
 - b. Do we just remove the information? If we revise, do we remove what is not relevant? The old plan will not disappear. 1st edition revision one.

2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild- No Update
3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within Village of Vernon- Alan Barrows
 - a. No Update
4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements – Chad Sampson
 - a. Spoke with the parks manager, project will begin after August 1st.
5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot Wi – Jared Young or Kenosha County
 - i. Paul Tollard received an email from Jared Young. They brought in the loads of boulders for the 2-1 slope. They have begun the plantings. They are about a month out from final completion.
6. Request from Racine County Office of Emergency Management for Funding for two new flow gauges for the Fox River. The request includes purchase of the hardware, installation and maintenance. – Lorenzo Santos
 - a. Jim Pindel emailed Lorenzo, he said he would be here. Jim requested the cost for the project.
 - b. Howard Moser- one of the gauges is planned for Jefferson Street. Gauge is 16,500 for gauge and installation The annual Maintenance is approx. \$14,800 per gauge. We are not sure what the maintenance entails. Maintenance is maintaining the physical location and the website and processing of the gauge information
 - c. Wayne did email the WDNR what could be funded from our ENUMs, but has received no response.
 - d. Lorenzo Santos- The gauges measure water levels it is going to NWS with continuous information to create forecasting of the potential water levels.
 - e. Where will these be located
 - i. Burlington will be on Jefferson Street bridge on the Fox.
 - f. The old gauge was removed as the technology was obsolete.
 - g. Rochester still has a gauge.
 - h. Burlington is the only location that does not have a gauge.
 - i. Can we access the information. All the information is on the county website.
 - j. How much of the maintenance money goes to USGS? The city/town/county are all funding to USGS.
 - k. Earlier you mentioned that the city/county and two are funding the project. Who would we be providing the money to? Most likely the city.
 - l. We could potentially fund the set up of the hardware. Cost sharing of the maintenance?
 - m. What was the cost on the maintenance for the previous gauge? Unsure. There was USGS funds available in the past, which is no longer available.
 - n. This could be seen as two projects installation and maintenance.
 - o. Jim Pindel will complete the project acceptance criteria.
 - p. Do you have a timeline you are hoping for? Talking to USGS it would be ideal to shoot for October to start. As a goal, but not set in stone.
 - q. We will need a project proposal and criteria.
7. Consideration of putting a Wisconsin Statue attorney on retainer to advise us on legal issues. This would have to be paid for from non-grant funds.
 - a. It would be nice for an understanding of what we can and cannot do.
 - b. Jim Pindel will reach out to Rachel Sabre for more support on this.

Reports and Updates

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

- a. No Update
- 2. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-
 - a. Held a pre bid meeting on July 10th. Bids are due on August 4th.
 - b. There is some concern about the timeline. May 15, 2026 is the start date.
 - i. DNR has amended the date to April 1st.
 - c. Burlington also received 10 million from the state for the Echo Lake Project.
- 3. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. No Update.
- 4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. There is a presentation of Case Eagle Park coming up. There are starting to see improvement in the quality of the crops.
 - b. September 11, Summer Field Day, Case Eagle Park.
- 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers-
 - a. Paul Tollard received an email about a week ago. Still accepting applications for cost sharing.
- 6. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No Update.

Correspondence

6/23/25 Email from Kelsey Norton, WDNR in response to Katelyn Bratz's inquiry on the status of the project.

6/23/25. Email from Howard Moser asking for a template for appointment approval. Responded with a letter before Katelyn was able to respond.

6.25/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

6/26/25 Letter formally appointing Howard Moser as the City of Burlington Commissioner. Forwarded to Jim Pindel.

6/30/25 Email from Eric Faulker, City Intern for the City of Burlington

My name is Eric, and I'm an intern with the City of Burlington. I'm reaching out to see if SEWFRC is aware of any labs or organizations that offer phosphorus flux rate analysis for waterways.

I was exploring the feasibility of using a dredging project to qualify for credit under the water quality trading program. In discussions with the WDNR, they indicated this type of analysis would be required. I am having trouble finding companies that conduct the testing, and I thought the Commission might be aware of some.

Comissioners recommended the following:

Chris Murphy cmurphy@res.us

Northern Lakes Service in Waukesha- Ask the lab themselves. They also sub out to other labs.

7/15/25 Announcement and invitation to today's meeting.

7/22/25 Email from Kelsey Norton, WDNR inquiring about the upcoming meeting to present on the almost completed project.

7/25/25 Photos of the WDNR project.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Jim has a box of correspondence of the fox river committee from the 1950-1960's it is sitting in his garage. It is before the commission if anyone is interested in the documents.
 2. Appointment of officers will be at the annual meeting.
 3. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. August 22nd 1pm. Meeting at Vernon Fire Station.
 4. Close Meeting
 - a. Bill Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes.
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Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 22, 2025 at 1 p.m. – In person meeting at Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln. Big Bend, WI 53103

Commissioner's Present:

Alan Barrows, Waukesha County
Jim Pindel, Town of Waterford
Fred Koeller, Village of Waterford
Barb Holtz, Town of Mukwanago
Wayne Jensen, Village of Rochester
Robin Grams, City of Waukesha
Lee Manthey, Town of Vernon
Chad Sampson, Racine County
Paul Tollard, Kenosha County
Donna Duester, Town of Wheatland
Howard Moser, City of Burlington
Tom Slawski, SEWRPC
Rachel Sabre, WI DNR

Guests:

Lorenzo Santos, Racine County
Liz Adams, Racine County

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting at 1:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Chad Sampson recording the meeting and taking minutes.
5. 2025 – 2026 Budget
 - a. Robin Grams made a motion to approve the 2025 – 2026 SEWFRC Budget
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
6. Election of Officers for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.
 - a. Barb Holtz nominated Alan Barrows for Chair.
Jim Pindel motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Fred Koeller to elect Alan Barrows as the Chair.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
 - b. Fred Koeller nominated Chad Sampson for Vice Chair.
Fred Koeller motioned to close nominations, seconded by Wayne Jensen to elect Chad Sampson as the Vice Chair.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
 - c. Chad Sampson nominated Jim Pindel for Secretary.
Fred Koeller motioned to close nominations, seconded by Donna Duester to elect Jim Pindel as the Secretary.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously

- d. Jim Pindel nominated Wayne Jensen for Treasurer.
Robin Grams motioned to close nominations, seconded by Barb Holtz to elect Wayne Jensen as Treasurer.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
- 7. Approval of the meeting minutes from July 25, 2025
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the previous minutes.
 - b. Lee Manthey seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
- 8. Review of the Treasurer's Report and ENUM Project Status
 - a. Treasure reports were received in an email from Jim Pindel.
 - b. Wayne Jensen gave an overview of reports.
 - c. A motion was made by Fred Koeller to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lee Manthey.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

- 1. 2026 Fox River Summit
 - a. Tom Slawski stated the Summit will be March 12, 2026
 - b. Tom stated they are starting to put together a list of speakers.
 - c. Jim Pindel made a motion to utilize \$5,500 for the 2026 Fox River Summit, seconded by Chad Sampson.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
- 2. SEWRPC Survey from the Waterford Dam to Illinois border
 - a. Tom Slawski said most of the plan is complete and is hoping to have a draft copy completed within the next few meetings.
- 3. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration – No report.
- 4. Racine County Shoreline Projects - Magner, Plantz, Doering, Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel
 - a. Chad Sampson stated that McCormick's shoreline was completed by CHILS and the Commission's cost-share was \$6,000.
 - b. Chad stated that Hondel's shoreline was completed by Stoneycreek Landscaping and the Commission's cost-share was \$9,000.
 - c. Chad stated that they were finishing up the Magner shoreline and bank stabilization project today and completed by Stoneycreek Landscaping with a total cost-share of \$9,000.
 - d. Chad stated that Plantz was scheduled to begin construction by Stoneycreek Landscaping next week.
 - e. Chad stated the Milczarski and Doering were scheduled for September construction.
- 5. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers
 - a. Chad Sampson did receive a copy of a new design. After reviewing the design, the permeable pavers were planned for the area not currently being worked on. Chad

suggested keeping the \$50,000 allocation for Phases II and III which hopefully include permeable paver shown in the plan.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan
 - a. Alan Barrows stated that Katelyn Bratz had made many edits and corrections. They need to be reviewed and incorporated into the plan.
2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan / Regional Coordinator Group – No Report
3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within the Village of Vernon
 - a. Alan Barrows said the project is in the process of converting reed canary grass to desired vegetation.
 - b. Alan Barrows said the site has not been visited since the flooding, but he doesn't anticipate any structural issues.
4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements
 - a. Chad Sampson said construction is planned for mid-September.
5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot WI
 - a. Jared Young sent an email to Paul Tollard. Paul said they are about two weeks from completion.
6. Racine County Office of Emergency Management requesting funding for two new flow gauges.
 - a. Lorenzo Santos stated the total cost is \$31,300, but the cost was itemized as hardware installation for \$16,500 and the annual operational cost was \$14,800.
 - b. Howard Moser explained the gauge was removed during the rebuild of the Jefferson Street bridge. The equipment had no longer been supported, so it was just removed and not replaced. This is the gap of flow gauges in the Fox River system.
 - c. Jim Pindel made a motion to cost-share \$16,500 for the hardware installation, seconded by Fred Koeller.
 - i. All Ayes, with Howard Moser abstain
7. Consideration of having a Wisconsin Statute attorney on retainer to advise us on legal issues.
 - a. Rachel Sabre will send an email to the legal team at WI DNR and provide an update at the next meeting.
 - b. There was some discussion about who can be a voting member for the municipality and deciphering the existing language in the statute.

Reports and Updates

1. Report on the activities of the Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois.
 - a. Tom Slawski said he receives reports from the Agency and they are currently adjusting dams to deal with the flood water making its way into Illinois.
2. Report on the future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington.

- a. Howard Moser said they did the bid opening on August 4th. They received two bids. They presented the bids at the last council meeting. The vote was tabled, but should happen on September 2nd. The cost of \$6.2 million was to rehabilitate the dam, do the shoreline work and park upgrades.
 - b. Howard continued to say the part not included is the dredging. They are trying to locate an area to place the dredged material for dewatering. That estimated cost is \$3.5 million to \$5.5 million.
3. Report on the Fox River Watershed TMDL Progress
- a. Rachel Sabre said the last meeting was April 22nd. Eric Hetler is doing the TMDL modeling.
 - b. Rachel said Illinois already has a TMDL in place which impacts our modeling.
 - c. Rachel said you can go to the website to listen to recordings of the meetings.
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
- a. Chad Sampson said the Summer Field Day is Thursday, September 11th at Case Eagle Park.
 - b. Chad continued to say he met with 8 or 9 farmers to fill out their 2026 grant application.
 - c. Chad also mentioned that he and Brian Gunderson (farmer and co-chair) of the WPCRC are going to be presenting at the Eagle Lake Improvement Association's annual meeting on Saturday morning.
5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers
- a. Paul Tollard said he talked to Paul Maggio and are having their next meeting on September 3rd.
6. SEWFRC Website
- a. Alan Barrows stated we'll have to update the officers.
7. SEWFRC Roundtable on the Waukesha / Milwaukee County flood event on August 9 – 10.
- a. The Commissioners each told a story of their work or personal experience with the flood event.

Correspondence

7/26/25 Email from Jim Pindel to mark calendars for today's meeting.

7/26/25 Email from Jim Pindel to Tom Slawski requesting an update on the SEWRPC report.

7/29/25 Tom Slawski replied sent the email reply to all Commissioners.

7/30/25 Email to Rachel Sabre to contact the DNR attorney.

7/31/25 An email for all Commissioners concerning the RCPP funding.

8/18/25 An email of the invitation and announcement for today's public hearing and meeting.

8/18/25 Jim Pindel said he received an email from Ellen Cole who will no longer be a Commissioner, but we be replace. Jim had not heard who the replacement is yet.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. The next meeting was set for September 19 at 1 p.m. at the Big Bend Fire Station.
2. A motion by to adjourn by Fred Koeller, seconded by Barb Holtz to adjourn at 2:14 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson, SEWFRC Commissioner

Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 19, 2025 at 1 p.m. – In person meeting at Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln. Big Bend, WI 53103

Commissioner's Present:

Alan Barrows, Waukesha County
Jim Pindel, Town of Waterford
Fred Koeller, Village of Waterford
Barb Holtz, Town of Mukwonago
Wayne Jensen, Village of Rochester
Lee Manthey, Town of Vernon
Chad Sampson, Racine County
Paul Tollard, Kenosha County
Dave Brown, Village of Mukwonago
Howard Moser, City of Burlington
Rachel Sabre, WI DNR

Guests:

Grant Horn, WWMD
Liz Adams, Racine County
Terrance O'Brien, Citizen of Kenosha County

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Chad Sampson recording the meeting and taking minutes.
5. Jim Pindel made a motion to request qualified individuals to be allowed to represent their municipality, even if they do not live in the municipality, seconded by Howard Moser.
The actual motion was If a commissioner and his/her alternate cannot attend the meeting the commissioner can appoint a knowledgeable and responsible person to take his/her place at the meeting.
 - a. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Wayne Jensen.
 - a. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Review of the Treasurer's Report. A motion made by Chad Sampson and seconded by Fred Koeller to approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

8. Fox River Summit – No report
9. SEWRPC Survey from the Waterford Dam to the Illinois border – No report
10. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration – No report

11. Racine County Shoreline Projects - Chad Sampson stated that Magner, Plantz, Milczarski, McCormick and Hondel are all installed and paid for. The only snag is the Doering project, where there was some damage to an underground sprinkler system, so this was not “paid in full” yet.
12. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson stated the portion that was completed was not permeable and will not be paid with cost share. There is going to be phase II next spring, which will be permeable. The contractor may submit a quote and request a down payment up front.
13. Liz Adams stated that agreements are being finalized. Howard Moser said between the City of Burlington, Town of Burlington and Racine County there is draft agreement to cost-share the maintenance of the new river gauge to be installed. Liz Adams asked about the funding being dispersed. Jim Pindel commented that the Commission prefers to reimburse funding. Howard Moser said the City will pay and be reimbursed.
14. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers
 - a. Chad Sampson said Phase I is complete, but nothing is permeable. Phases II and III are planned to be permeable. The contractor requested a down payment, but nothing is planned to occur until Spring 2026. Wayne Jensen suggested waiting with payment until July to use the next ENUM.

New Business

1. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – No report
2. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan / Regional Coordinator Group – Alan Barrows said he will speak to Gail next week.
3. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within the Village of Vernon
 - a. Alan Barrows said the project was entirely under water during the flooding, but there is no damage.
4. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements
 - a. Chad Sampson said construction is planned for late-September.
5. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot WI – Terrance O’Brien stated the project is complete and was looking for reimbursement funding. Alan Barrow suggested a sign for the project.
6. Consideration of having a Wisconsin Statute attorney on retainer to advise us on legal issues.
 - a. Rachel Sabre sent an email to the legal team at WI DNR with no response.

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.
 - a. Howard Moser said the contract was awarded to Yahnke Construction. The plan is to begin in April 2026.

- b. Howard said they are still doing some water quality testing to plan for the dredging.
- 3. Report on the Fox River Watershed TMDL Progress
 - a. Rachel Sabre said the monitoring has been completed and the report should be done by the end of this year.
- 4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
 - a. Chad Sampson said the Summer Field Day at Case Eagle Park was a success. There were 65 people in attendance. The next event will be at the Cotton Exchange in February.
- 5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers – No report.
- 6. SEWFRC Website
 - a. Alan Barrows stated we still must update the officers on the website.

Correspondence

8/26/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

8/29/25 Email from Jared Young asking what he needs to do and provide to get our funding.

9/18/25 Meeting announcement for today's meeting.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. The next meeting was set for November 7th at 1 p.m. at the Big Bend Fire Station.
2. A motion to adjourn by Fred Koeller, seconded by Howard Moser to adjourn at 1:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chad Sampson, SEWFRC Commissioner and modified by Jim Pindel Secretary SEWFRC



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 7, 2025 - 1:00 PM

Commissioners and (alternates) Quorum= 9		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler (Paul Tollard)	Paul Tollard
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	Lee Manthey
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Jim Pindel
Town of Waukesha		
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long (Ellen Cole)	
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	
City of Burlington	Howard Moser	
Town of Wheatland	Donna Duester	Donna Duester
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	Bill Hopkins
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	(non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Rachel Sabre

Guests	
Representing	Name

Illinois contingent of the Fox River	Dean Farr- Defender of soil air, woods waters and wildlife.
WWMD	Grant Horn

In person Meeting to be held at:

Vernon Fire Station #1. W233 S7475 Woodland Ln Big Bend Wi 53103

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Call meeting to order. Alan Barrows called the meeting to order. 1:00 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum.
4. Confirm the Teams Voice recorder is running.
5. Identify who will record the meeting minutes. Katelyn Bratz will take the minutes.
6. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings held September 19, 2025. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion. Bill Hopkins abstained from the vote. Motion passes.
7. Review the Treasurer’s Report and ENUM project status. Balance of ENUM funds \$92,003.00. Total Approved Projects \$128,000. Total ENUM and Non Grant Funds \$142,003.00

Bill Hopkins made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Chad Sampson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

8. Old Business

1. Fox River 2026 Summits – Tom Slawski No Update
2. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski No Update
3. Vernon Wildlife Area DU Impoundment Restoration (signage to be provided by Alan Barrows) -Kelsey Norton, WDNR. There was a correspondence from her that she would be present at the meeting. Rachel Sabre confirmed that Kelsey would not be present. Kelsey is willing to come to a future meeting; the project is completed. Rachel followed up with her on the cost share list to provide her with the information on what she needs to turn in for the documentation.
4. Racine County Shoreline Projects – Chad Sampson
This agenda item includes the Magner, Plantz, Doering Milczarski, McCormick and

Hondel shorelines which were individually approved at the 1/24/25 SEWFRC meeting. All six projects are complete. The last one was completed prior to Oct 1st. Everything has been submitted to Wayne Jensen. We are waiting for approval from the WDNR. This can be removed from the agenda. Add to next agenda Racine County 2026 projects.

5. Flow gauge for Racine County Office of Emergency Management for the Fox River. The request includes purchase of the hardware, installation and maintenance. – the SEWFRC committed to funding the hardware and installation only. - Lorenzo Santos Wayne Jensen asked for a clarification on what we are funding. They were informed they would have to pay in advance, we would reimburse after the project. What was the dollar amount? \$16,500. We will confirm after the meeting. Wayne Jensen will update the approved project expense list.
6. Noble Brothers Burgers Permeable Pavers – Chad Sampson.
 - a. The contractor that has been doing the work, called Chad Sampson for upfront payment. Chad said that is possible, but they have to follow what is on the plan. He has not received further information. There are 2 more phases, not sure which phase will be next. Project will be in 2026.
7. Fox River Restoration at Wilmot Wi – Jared Young or Kenosha County
 - a. Project is completed. They have been reimbursed, paid and submitted. Can be removed from the agenda.

New Business

1. Consideration of coordinating a bi-state Natural Resources Conservation Service/ Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant and advocacy for making such a joint effort possible within the Fox River watershed. – Dean Farr. Director of Land and Water conservation.
 - a. RCPP is a process where their community can customize conservation practices. Had a call with RCPP coordinator. If we are interested in applying, to bring a plan to them. There is interest building in Illinois and wanted to inquire about the interest here. Dean has knowledge of the process that could support the process. Those at the Fox River Summit, they shared their RCPP project on the Milwaukee River. Working with various methods to keep the farm water in its watershed. Gave a handout on the project. Wisconsin has a lot of resources that he does not have. Starting the project here could be more feasible. He has talked with the Chain O'Lakes organization. The RCPP is a start but not a solution. Hopefully there can be work on a joint venture. Begin here is Wisconsin and then move south. The challenge will be to build community support. We may have more support here. Would like to potentially form an exploratory committee. There is a potential webinar upcoming.
 - i. Alan Barrows- about 2 years ago we applied for an RCPP grant. Feedback was that we need to be more specific. We have a starting point with a previous application.
 - ii. Grant Horn of WWMD- we are looking at spending up to 7 million in dredging and removing phosphorous. If we could

get an RCPP that could cover. RCPP would not cover the removal, but the buffers and prevention to keep it out.

- iii. Jim Pindel- what is the estimating removal. We have removed 1 million pounds of phosphorous. We remove it and then it prevents it from running down the river.
 - iv. Chad Sampson- our producer led group is a sub recipient of a RCPP grant from the Sand County Foundation. 2.3-million-dollar grant from the RCPP for producer groups around the state. The Racine group received \$100,000 over a two-year period. The goal is to target farmers that are converting to no till, or land that was previously tilled and is no longer. Approved earlier this year. Did not have a lot of time to get new farmers on board. They need to get 6-8 farmers on board next year. Our first application was a starting point. The Milwaukee application could be another starting point for an example.
 - v. Jim Pindel- 25% of the land in in Walworth County. Walworth County is not in our boundaries. They are not represented here because the river does not run through the county.
 - vi. Alan Barrows- Let's continue a dialogue. Any river or municipality interested is welcome to join. But let's have the counties and SEWRPC start the conversation.
 - vii. Dean Farr- There is no timeline, but it needs to begin.
 - viii. Alan Barrows- Thank you for coming up. We have the TMDL in progress. We have an in-depth study of the river that is also in the works.
2. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
 - a. Katelyn Bratz has finished the edits. Alan Barrows will work on it in the next month.
 - b. Jim Pindel- will there be paper copies or online. He would like to be able to provide a copy to the municipalities.
 3. Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan/Regional Coordinator Group- Gail Goodchild
 - a. No Update
 4. Fox Bend Wetland Restoration Project within Village of Vernon- Alan Barrows
 - a. Two farm fields in the flood plain. Took several grants to fund. Broke drain tiles, scrapes for wildlife. All the earthwork is done. Working on vegetation. The whole area was flooded in August. There are most likely reed canary seeds from the flood that will need to be addressed. Has not filed the paperwork as needs to reimburse other grants first and gather the invoices.
 5. Margis Phase III Shoreline Protection and Access Improvements – Chad Sampson
 - a. Completed in October. They did more brushing to continue the access road. Added rip rap and seeding on the area that was brushed. There is still a lot of shoreline that need repair. Will continue to come to the commission in

future years as the project progresses. Will have more information at the next meeting. Completed and paid, can be taken off the agenda. The park is a very nice park that has had a lot of improvements over the past several years using county funds as well.

6. Consideration of putting a Wisconsin Statute attorney on retainer to advise us on legal issues. This would have to be paid for from non-grant funds. Email was sent to Rachel Sabre requesting forwarding to appropriate person(s) within WDNR.
 - a. Had sent an email in September to the legal staff. She just followed up with them. Heard back today, Kate is going to talk with their supervisor. There is policy on independent commissions. Rachel explained to them about the commission and our logistics. She is going to talk with them further to better explain. She checked with the supervisor. The WDNR is not able to offer legal support as it would be a conflict of interest. SEWPRC might have more advice for counsel and resources. Rachel will specify that we are a statutory commission. We are a line item; it no longer flows through the DNR. The DNR no longer funds it but watches and monitors the funding. Rachel Sabre will follow up with the legal department.
 - b. Alan Barrows- could we ask the Attorney General's office for an interpretation. Alan does not know what that avenue looks like.

Reports and Updates

1. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
2. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington
 - a. No Update
3. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. Email that shared draft allocations have been completed. Beginning stakeholder engagement. Will be meeting with municipalities to discuss allocations. Will also be coordinating with the counties. Winter of 2025 the draft report should be finalized and open for public comment. Spring of 2026 the report will be finalized and comments addressed. Summer 2026 finalized.
 - b. Alan Barrows- permittees will have allocations that they will then need to meet within their permits. They will have to work to meet the load allocations.
4. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. They are getting a grant for 22,000 for 2026 DatCAP. They are looking to move some people movers for the. Potential donations will cover at least one of them.
 - b. Friday, Feb 6 At the Cotton Exchange. Event is free.
5. Kenosha County Regenerative Producers
 - a. They applied for DatCAP grant as well. Meeting about a month ago, but no update since.
6. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Alan Barrows has been working with Al Sikora to update the website.
 - b. There is a 2014 study that has been outlining the priority areas. It is

- now on the website. Potentially creating a new heading called resources. This will link the maps and important documents.
- c. We could potentially put a current commissioner list on the website.
 - d. We need to commend Al Sikora for all the work that he has done.

Correspondence

9/20/25 Email from Jim Pindel to all commissioners to mark your calendars for today's meeting.

9/20/25 Approved August meeting minutes sent to Al Sikora for the website

9/22/25 September meeting minutes received from Chad Sampson

9/23/25 Email from Tom Slawski requesting that Dean Farr be added to the agenda for us to consider a by-state joint RCPP grant for our watershed.

9/23/25 Email from Tom Slawski (forwarded to all commissioners) request we vote for "Friends of the Fox River" to achieve the Rivers are Life Impact award

10/27/25 Meeting announcement for today's meeting.

Phone conversation and follow up email with the clerk of Big Bend. We do have commissioners for Big Bend.

Email from Andy Beuhler thanking us for the change to the voting member policy.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. January 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm.
2. Jim Pindel requested occasional support from the commission in the upcoming months as needed with his commission commitments.
3. Close Meeting
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting
 - b. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion
 - c. Motion Passes
 - d. Meeting Adjourned 2:30

* If you have any questions about the Agenda, please contact Secretary Jim Pindel at jpindel@wi,rr.com or call him at 414 550 8213