## WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION AGENDA & RECORD

## September 9, 2024

In Person & Teams Meeting Meeting Minutes Recorded: Ellie Crabb

Presenter/			
Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
10:00 AM	1. Call to Order	<b>Members Present:</b> Chair, Roger Walsh (RW), Co-Chair Bruce Neeb (BN), Korin Doering (KD), Jan Allman (JA) and Mary McPhetridge (MM).	Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by RW.
		<b>Others Present</b> : Bobbi Winebar (BW), Sara deBruijn (SD), Jessica Terrien (JT), Gina Keenan (GK), Pat Anderson (PA), Cheryl Housley (CH, Mary Rothenmaier (MR), Chris Halbur (CH), Danielle Block (CB), Ellie Crabb (EC), and Cathy Burrow (CB) applicants and members of the public.	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of April 9, 2024	Agenda repair: New Lake Superior Representative for the Waterways Commissioner from Ashland welcomed. Her name is Mary McPhetridge MM will recuse herself from voting on the project from Ashland being presented today. Motion by BN, seconded by KD to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried
			unanimously.
	3. Department Report	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	<ul> <li>BW presented the budget indicating that we started with a total appropriation of \$3,400,000 for SFY2025</li> <li>No enumerations from legislature.</li> <li>Total funding commitments thus far: \$35,629.04.</li> <li>Total funds available this meeting: \$3,364,370.96.</li> <li>RW makes motion to add discretionary funding amount to the inland projects due to large amount of requests for funding for inland lakes projects. BN seconds motion.</li> <li>Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>

4. Recreational Boating Project Review and Action		Project presentations: INLAND & GREAT LAKES PROJECTS
	<ul> <li>INLAND PROJECTS</li> <li>Category: Development &amp; Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order</li> <li>1. City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking, Grant Request \$17,907.50</li> <li>2. Town of Washington Boot lake Landing Rehabilitation, Grant Request</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking: Purpose of project is to provide better access to boaters, to the park, and access to historic downtown area. Currently wrapping up major project to put in ADA parking spots, restroom facility, boat launch and fishing platform. Proposed project includes two new transient docks. Details include 4 slips, ADA complaint, open year-round and no fee to users.</li> <li>Town of Washington Boot Lake Landing</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>30,745.00</li> <li>3. Town of Milltown Antler Lake Boat Launch Replacement, Grant Request \$24,725.50</li> <li>4. Forest County Forestry &amp; Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations, Grant Request \$13,750.00</li> </ul>	Rehabilitation: The community is currently unable to get boats in and out of Boot Lake due to the primitive boat landing. Project proposal includes installing a 32' x 6' boarding dock and installing riprap. Currently one ADA parking spot but will be expanded. Project proposal also includes a road for boat access to the dock. Project will not include a launch fee. RW proposes adding a launch fee to defer maintenance
	<ol> <li>Jefferson county Parks Kanow Park ADA Boat/Kayak Launch, Grant Request \$15,284.50</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Town of Milltown Antler Lake Boat Launch Replacement: Deferred prior to meeting due to not having received their permit yet.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>City of Muskego Idle Isle Boat Launch Replacement, Grant Request \$150,000.00</li> </ol>	4. Forest County Forestry & Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations: Project proposal includes repairing and improving boat landing on Lake Metonga. Currently there is metal
	<ol> <li>City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Reconstruction, Grant Request \$920,000.00</li> </ol>	grading and is only 3' deep, making it hard for people with bunk trailers or pontoon trailers. Dock is currently ADA compliant. Power loading has caused a hole in the launch area, creating shallow
	<ol> <li>Douglas county Forestry Mooney Boat Launch Reconstruction, Grant Request \$102,650.00</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>conditions. Proposed replacement plan includes removing the old grating and placing and compacting crushed gravel for landing stabilization and riprap.</li> <li>5. Jefferson County Parks Kanow Park ADA Boat/Kayak Launch: Project proposal includes</li> </ul>

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9. Town of Lake Mills Lower Rock Lake Rec Launch Reconstruction, Grant	improving launch to be ADA compliant and to include a compacted gravel trail to the access point. County
Request \$97,535.00	would be responsible for upkeep. RW suggested
	implementing a launch fee, but none is proposed at
10. Town of Dunkirk Millpond Paddlecraft	this time by the County.
Launch, Grant Request \$38,750.00	
, - , ,	6. City of Muskego Idle Isle Boat Launch Replacement
11. Town of Taycheedah Fisherman's Rd	Park is on an island on Little Muskego Lake and has
Launch Restroom & Parking, Grant	become the highest used park in the area since
Request \$95,500.00	COVID-19. Boat launch and overflow parking are
	consistently full on any given day. Proposed
12. Manitowoc County Bullhead Lake	improvements account for the consistent high use.
Boarding Dock Replacement, Grant	All previous improvements have been completed wit
Request \$16,731.66	city funds (which include accessible boat launch
	docks, boat wash stations, kayak launch and drop-of
13. St. Croix county Pine Lake Boat Launch	zone, and accessible walking path). Project proposa
Improvements, Grant Request \$87,000.00	includes removing and restoring the boat launch, improving traffic flow for visitors, police and fire to
\$07,000.00	ensure safety conditions and increasing parking to 7
14. City of New London Riverside Launch	stalls.
Overflow Parking, Dock and Access	
Path, Grant Request \$211,595.93	7. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch
· ····, ······························	Reconstruction: There are currently 38 existing
Category: Dredging Projects Listed in	parking stalls, an existing dock and 5 existing
Ranking Order	launches. Proposal includes improving traffic flow
	pattern, and reconstructing the failing boat launch
15. Village of De Soto Boat Launch Channel	and parking lot. They will install 40' concrete pads
Dredging, Grant Request \$62,500.00	underwater for launch and 2 boat wash stations.
	Proposal is a 40% funding request and is receiving
Category: Aquatic Plant Harvesting	other grant funding from outside sources.
Equipment Projects Listed in Ranking Order	9 Douglas County Forestry Magney Post Loursh
	8. Douglas County Forestry Mooney Boat Launch Reconstruction: This is the only public launch in the
16. Lake Keesus Management District	area and users access it by backing in off a busy
Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer	road. Proposal includes creating a safer entrance so
Acquisition, Grant Request \$154,612.50	users can pull directly in. A concrete launch with
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17. Bone Lake Management District Aquatic	minimize sediment runoff. After launch is completed,
Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition,	parking lot will be painted to include additional
Grant Request \$125,433.50	parking and ADA stalls. No launch fees but has beer
	discussed among commissioners. RW suggests

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	18. Lazy Lake Management District Shore Conveyor, Grant Request \$21,800.00		including launch fees to help mitigate maintenance costs.
	<ol> <li>Goose Lake Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Conveyor Acquisition: Grant Request \$71,810.00</li> <li>GREAT LAKES</li> </ol>	9.	Town of Lake Mills Lower Rock Lake Rec Launch Reconstruction: Current launch is highly used and has power loading issues. Existing launch is over 25 years old and is deteriorating. Project proposal includes reconstructing launch to address safety concerns. Vehicle trailer parking for 28 spaces which contributes to high use.
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	Category: Development & Renovation Projects Listed in Ranking Order 20. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment, Grant Request \$1,020,000.00		<ul> <li>Town of Dunkirk Millpond Paddlecraft Launch: Project proposal includes ADA accessible kayak launch, ADA parking, and a compact limestone path to proposed concrete pad. The current parking lot holds 8 cars, but phase 2 of plan includes expanding parking lot to also include a walking path to launch. Project goal is to provide accessible boating opportunities on the Yahara River above the Dunkirk Dam and to increase boating activity resulted from planned Stoughton River Park. Project goals also include a safer take-out point for kayakers and to protect the fragile shoreline within the footprint of the dock/launch. Plan includes shore stabilization to support these goals. Currently no infrastructure for launch fees but Town of Dunkirk will be budgeting for maintenance.</li> <li>Town of Taycheedah Fisherman's Rd Launch Restroom &amp; Parking: Project location is used year- round. Current restrooms built in 2002 with no footing, meaning runoff occurs into Lake Winnebago. There are currently 50 parking stalls and 2 ADA stalls next to restroom plus additional parking on the grass. Once restroom building is constructed, repairs will take place on asphalt lot. Due to runoff issues, native planting will also take place to catch runoff. There is no launch fee, but there is a donation box and each of the Fisherman's Road Fishing Club members pay a fee that is used for maintenance costs and upkeep.</li> </ul>

	12. Manitowoc County Bullhead Lake Boarding Dock
	Replacement: This is a 70-acre lake on western edge
	of Manitowoc County and accessible to a large
	population base of nearby communities. The existing
	dock is considered light duty and needs to be
	replaced. The existing ramp is no longer safely
	accessible and is deteriorating. The ramp is wide, but
	missing features to make it ADA accessible. Project
	proposal includes a permanent floating dock design,
	similar in length and width to the existing dock. This
	will allow for more public access outside of the
	normal fishing season and will meet ADA
	requirements. There is no grading or asphalt work to
	be done and no runoff or impervious surface
	changes.
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	13. St. Croix county Pine Lake Boat Launch
	Improvements: One of three launches in the area
	and 13 miles from any other lake. User/launch fees
	go to maintenance of facility. Project proposal
	includes 5 improvements –
	1) Replace dock to be 5' wide and ADA accessible
	and reset concrete ramp panels to be at 12-15%
	grade.
	2) Replace vault toilets in a similar footprint to be
	ADA accessible and include 2 unisex toilets.
	3) Improve stormwater management and runoff by
	replacing covered park pavilion to comply with
	shoreline setback.
	4) Replace walkways with 5' wide ADA compliant
	accessible paths that go down to the boat launch.
	5) Replace parking lot surface with asphalt to
	include additional parking stalls (18 total).
	14. City of New London Riverside Launch Overflow
	Parking, Dock and Access Path: The current parking
	facility is difficult to maneuver. It is a high traffic
	facility as it borders another park. As a result, many
	users park on nearby county road. Proposed project
	includes an additional dock to accommodate high
	use, improvements to the safety of pedestrians on

<ul> <li>highway X by eliminating roadside traffic issues, better boat service to community, and ease of parking. Proposal also includes improvements to accessibility.</li> <li>15. Village of De Soto Boat Launch Channel Dredging: Proposed project includes dredging an additional 5' depth below existing depth. This will help prevent sediment buildup and motorized vehicles getting stuck. Permit fees \$5 per craft per day. Launch has been active approximately 12 years since last dredge. Proposed project dredge should last another 12 years</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>12 years.</li> <li>16. Lake Keesus Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Lake Keesus attracts many fishermen and boaters due to proximity to Milwaukee. The lake consists of 5 bays, most of which suffer weed control issues. The harvester operates 5 days a week. Harvesting is limited to areas having a depth of 3ft or greater. There is one public access point on the lake with a new permanent dock.</li> </ul>
17. Bone Lake Management District, Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition: Bone Lake is a highly used lake. Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) has been a long-term annual issue for navigation and lake enjoyment. Annual monitoring showed stabilized beds but very limited results. Potential harvesting areas to increase with purchase of harvester. A harvester would allow for less of a dependency on weather to remove CLP, new areas of control in dense beds and navigation channels, and protection of native plants. Two public access points to the lake (north end of lake and southern end of lake). RW suggests charging a launch fee to mitigate costs.
18. Lazy Lake Management District Shore Conveyor: Proposed project includes purchasing a new shore conveyor to continue meeting harvesting plan goals. There are four public landings on Lazy Lake, one of

	<ul> <li>which holds the conveyor and cutter. One of four landings is ADA compliant and has paved ADA compliant parking. Long term goal is to use new conveyor for 30+ years.</li> <li>19. Goose Lake Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Conveyor Acquisition: Project proposal includes replacement of single aquatic plant harvester as previous harvester is no longer repairable. There is an active composting program in which aquatic plants are taken to. Bids took place outside of U.S due to lower costs of harvester and trailer.</li> <li>20. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment: Current conditions of Kreher don't allow for larger boats to launch. New launch would accommodate varying sizes of boats. Seeking 80% project funding but know they can only receive the cap of \$1,020,000. The redevelopment of water access is important to Ashland's economic development.</li> </ul>
Finding of Feasibility	JA made a motion to find all projects feasible. KD seconded motion. Motion not carried unanimously. JA, KD, RW all vote yes. BN votes present. MM to abstain from vote. Discussion: BN does not find some harvester projects feasible. BN finds trouble finding projects feasible if he can't confirm applicants are eligible. Public access is a requirement if a harvesting grant to be acquired.
Project placement on priority list	BN made a motion to approve the placement on the priority list as shown. JA seconded. MM abstained. Motion carried.
Recommendations for project funding	RW proposed funding Inland projects down to projects with a score of 11. Rest of projects who applied before

June 1 will be funded with remaining inland lakes balance.
<ul> <li>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>1. City of Fox Lake Clausen Park Transient Docking, Grant Request for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$17,907.50, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>2. Town of Washington Boot Lake Landing Rehabilitation for 50% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$30,745.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>4. Forest County Forestry &amp; Parks Dept Veterans Memorial Park Boat Ramp Renovations for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$13,750.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>5. Jefferson county Parks Kanow Park ADA Boat/Kayak Launch for 50% of amendment total project costs, not to exceed \$15,284.50, JA seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>6. City of Muskego Idle Isle Boat Launch Replacement for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$150,000.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>7. City of Menasha Jefferson Park Boat Launch Reconstruction for 40% of total project costs, not to exceed \$920,000.00, MM seconded. Grant request was reduced due to the removal of the shelter. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>MM made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>8. Douglas county Forestry Mooney Boat Launch Reconstruction for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$102,650.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>9. Town of Lake Mills Lower Rock Lake Rec Launch Reconstruction for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$97,535.00, JA seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
	JA made a motion to approve a grant for: 10. Town of Dunkirk Millpond Paddlecraft Launch for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$38,750.00, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	KD made a motion to approve a grant for: 11. Town of Taycheedah Fisherman's Rd Launch Restroom & Parking for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$95,500.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	MM made a motion to approve a grant for: 12. Manitowoc County Bullhead Lake Boarding Dock Replacement for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$16,731.66, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	BN made a motion to approve a grant for: 13. St. Croix county Pine Lake Boat Launch Improvements for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$87,000.00, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
	14. City of New London Riverside Launch Overflow Parking, Dock and Access Path: Deferred to 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter where it will be priority funded.
	JA Made a motion to approve a grant for:

<ul> <li>15. Village of De Soto Boat Launch Channel Dredging for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$62,500.00, KD seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> <li>JA made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>16. Lake Keesus Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$154,612.50, KD seconded. No discussion. BN votes present. JA, MM, KD, RW vote yes. Motion carried.</li> </ul>
MM made a motion to approve a grant for: 17. Bone Lake Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Acquisition for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$125,433.50, JA seconded. No discussion. BN votes present. JA, MM, KD, RW vote yes. Motion carried.
<ul> <li>MM made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>18. Lazy Lake Management District Shore Conveyor for 50% of total project costs, not to exceed \$21,800.00, BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>BN made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>19. Goose Lake Management District Aquatic Plant Harvester and Trailer Conveyor Acquisition for 40% of total project costs, not to exceed \$54,171.30, MM seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>KD made a motion to approve a grant for:</li> <li>20. City of Ashland Kreher Park Boat Launch Redevelopment for 64% of total project costs, not to exceed \$1,020,000.00, JA seconded. BN suggests funding 50% to keep additional money for later in the year to fund any additional projects. RW, KD, &amp; JA vote to fund at 80%. MM abstained. Motion carried to fund at 80%.</li> </ul>

	MM made a motion to give projects that were presented and reviewed at the September 9, 2024 meeting to be given priority placement for the April 2025 funding meeting. BN seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Comments	St. Croix County very thankful for funding opportunity. Fishermans Road Fishing Club also very thankful for funding opportunity.
6. Next Meetings/ Locations	TBD; Location: TBD
7. Adjournment	Motion by MM to adjourn at 2:48 PM, seconded by JA. Motion carried unanimously.