

FYRH Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 AM
DeForest Public Service Building's Conference Room

1. Jim called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM. Doug Porter, John Ackley, Jim Simpson and Joleen Stinson were present. Franco Milani and Gary Schutte were absent.
2. Appearances before the Committee - NONE
3. Treasurer's report:
 - Jim emailed Franco to see if he had any objections to transitioning the treasurer's role from Franco (although Jim has been acting as treasurer) to Gary. He has not heard back. Doug made a motion to have Gary take over the treasurer's position as of January 1, 2016. John seconded, motion passed unanimously.
4. Secretary's report:
 - Doug made a motion to approve minutes of the October 18, 2016 board meeting as presented. John seconded, motion passed unanimously.
5. Inspecting/Surveying the River for Blockages
 - Per our discussion last month, Doug reached out to Steve from Capitol Water Trails to see if he would be interested in doing blockage surveys and removals for next year. The Village budgets money annually for these removals. Doug will let Steve know that Joleen will follow up with more details. Doug made a motion to put together a one year written understanding to have Capitol Water Trails assist with inspecting the water trail and removing the blockages through the Village of DeForest with a donation giving to Capitol Water Trails from the Village for this service while keeping both the Village and the Friends informed of when the inspection and cleaning work will be done, when possible. John seconded, motion passed unanimously.
6. Lakes and Watershed Commission Meeting Rescheduled
 - No word yet re: rescheduling this meeting. If Jim doesn't hear by Thanksgiving, he will reach out to Sue Jones.
7. Yahara River Streambank Stabilization Plans and Timeline
 - All permits are in place, neighbors of the Prairie Fire Ct section have been notified and the crew is out there gearing up this week. All work expected to be complete by Thanksgiving.
8. Salt Wise Toolkit
 - John is willing to drop off the educational sign at Ace DeForest, reach out to other possible partnering organizations (like his lake group) and help spread the word. Joleen will include the newsletter templates and social media templates in our regular outreach. Joleen will get back to Susan Sanford and request materials.
9. Storage Shed in the Cherokee Marsh Wildlife Area
 - Jim will reach out the Darren Marsh during the off season to finalize a Long-Term Use Agreement with Dane County, per their permission letter.
10. IH 39/90/94 Study Public Involvement Meetings
 - November 15, 5pm – 7 pm, Presentation at 5:15pm
WisDOT Southwest Region Office, 2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704
 - November 16, 5pm – 7 pm, Presentation at 5:15pm
Poynette High School (IMC Room), 108 W. Cleveland Street, Poynette, WI 53955
 - Jim shared these meetings (one is tonight) and he said it may not hurt to start submitting comments early to request a bridge instead of culverts at the Yahara River/interstate. (Right

now there is a box culvert.) Jim said he would grab a comment card and fill it out on behalf of the Friends board, who will review it by email before he submits.

11. Dane County Watershed Network Gathering – UPDATE

- John has not decided if he will attend yet. No one else from the group is interested.

12. Woody Debris Removal (Interstate to STH 19) – DISCUSSION

- To talk about at the joint meeting with the Lakes and Watershed Commission.

13. Public Relations

- Lakes of DeForest – UPDATE
 - John may have a lead with the Acker family.
- Other Contacts or Concerns - NONE

14. Any Other Business

- Doug noted that the next DeForest Foundation Grant application deadline is March 1. We should plan to apply for 15 pairs of waders.

15. Adjourn

- Next meeting Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 AM
- Topics for future meetings:
 - Membership
 - Grants
 - Stream monitoring reports
- Meeting adjourned at 8:37 AM