

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
September 19, 2019

- I. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.
- Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Paul Hayes, Reggie Nelson, Susan Cushing, Dave Maxwell, Travis Downing, A.J. Mann; absent: Bill Quackenbush, Tracy Littlejohn, Richard Wallin. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Jonel Kiesau, Erica Cronk. Audience: Jackie Yocum, Dennis Brault, Phil Hewitt, Lonnie Mueller, Richie Brown and Tina Brown.
 - Motion by Downing/Maxwell to approve the agenda. Unanimous.
 - Mann/Cushing motion to approve July 18, 2019 minutes; motion carried.
 - Compliance with open meeting law: West – Yes, it's been posted in compliance with State law.
- II. Introductions – Board and staff introduced to new Ho-Chunk President Marlon WhiteEagle.
- President WhiteEagle expressed appreciation for the invitation to come. WhiteEagle toured the property prior to KRMB meeting. WhiteEagle was elected Ho-Chunk President on June 4th. Audience member Dennis Brault thanked WhiteEagle for his service in the Marines and for the agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Vernon County via the gaming compact. Phil Hewitt also offered his thanks to WhiteEagle for the funds provided to Vernon County which help with funding roads in the County.
 - Regarding future initiative West shared about the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation; up for review again in 2020 and KRMB appointments.
- III. Procedures regarding proposed cell towers adjacent to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) – West:
- Proposed cell tower on Dutch Hollow Road adjacent to Kettle Road. On September 6th met with consultants working for high speed internet provider - Bug Tussel. Ho-Chunk Nation had not been notified by FCC of impending cell tower. The proposed 300-foot tower would be visible from a sacred site (Blackhawk Rock). State historic office and DNR said they will notify of other proposed cell towers. Will wait and see what we hear.
- IV. KRMB verification of Board member terms, vacancies, review nomination process – West:
- West worked with Governor Evers appointment secretary to verify Board member terms.
 - Eleven-member Board currently operating with nine members. Vacant seats include a representative from the Ho-Chunk nation (cultural) and an Education representative.
 - Election of Officers – West requests nomination for Chair. Maxwell/Wallin nominate Ron Johnson for Chair. Unanimous election of Johnson for Chair. Johnson requests nominations for Vice Chair. Mann/Hayes nominate Dick Wallin for Vice Chair. Unanimous election of Wallin for Vice Chair. Johnson requests nominations for Secretary. Wallin/Hayes nominate Susan Cushing for Secretary. Unanimous election of Cushing for Secretary. Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary terms are for one year.
- V. Budget Report -
- West - [handout]. Review FY20 Appropriation budget. DOA caught up on revenue deposits. Negative balance in 12100 appropriation LTE line will balance out with transfer from 16100 appropriation LTE line. 12400 Enforcement appropriation in good shape so far FY20. Paperwork has been submitted for new enforcement truck. 16100 appropriation base allocation/conservation fund, no surprises there. Review breakdown of revenue in 12100 appropriation. Everything seems to be going well and on track.

VI. Education & Tourism Committee Update: Kiesau – Met September 12, 2019

- Successful summer camps wrapped up; 200 campers, 18 camps. \$21,000.00 in camp registrations. Friends of KVR paid for camp food and some supplies, OV donated product and La Farge school donated use of their van. Consider co-owning a van with La Farge school.
- Forest Fridays is a new program being offered this fall - thirteen enrolled. Ages range from three to six years old. Three children required tuition assistance. The first session was Friday, September 13th. Encouraging all time be spent outdoors, including snack time. Using ciiporoke as an outdoor learning space. Everything seems to be going well.
- Kiesau and Robin Hosemann working with La Farge school on starting a charter program. Collaboration would be between KVR and La Farge school. Kiesau will keep us updated.
- Other topics Kiesau discussed include: Driftless Dialogue is starting again September 25 dealing with Flood Forecasting. Ali Dickson is back to help with Dam Challenge. Exhibit upgrade committee met again with Jodi Sweeney from the Sweeney group to discuss moving forward with the exhibit upgrades. Kiesau provided Education and Tourism committee a list of campsite relocations due to flood plain ordinance requirements. Discussed proposed cell tower. Committee gained a new member – Melissa Medura.
- Other:
- Agency Liaisons – none.
- Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve – Kiesau update: Tickets are available for pasta supper being held Friday, October 4th. November 2nd is the Friends Appreciation Dinner. Master Naturalist training will be offered again in the spring of 2020.
- Board and Staff – Cushing presented a Letter of Appreciation to Jason Leis for continuing to go above and beyond his job duties with recognition of July Flash Flood evacuation.
- Calls for Suggestions of Future Agenda Items – none.
- Next KRMB meeting October 24, 2019.

Meeting adjourned 8:10PM.

Recorded by:
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