

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
August 17, 2023

- I. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Scott Lind.
- Board members in attendance: Travis Downing, Julie Hoel, Scott Lind, AJ Mann, Dave Maxwell, Reggie Nelson, Barb Sarnowski; Via Zoom: Luke Zahm. Absent: Joel Charles, Tina Brown, Bill Quackenbush. Staff in-person: Erica Cronk, Blake Cwynar, Jason Leis, Christian Malanka, Maggie Schultz, Jackie Yocum. Audience: Beth Unger, Friends of Kickapoo Valley Reserve (FKVR) board member; Via Zoom: Jen Oium.
 - Motion by Downing/Hoel to approve the agenda. **Unanimous. Motion carries.**
 - Land Acknowledgement Statement: Lind.
 - Compliance with open meeting law: Lind -Yes, agenda posted in compliance with State law.
 - Introduction and remarks from Ho-Chunk Executive Cabinet liaison Ryan Greendeer. Greendeer: handles Government Relations for Ho-Chunk Nation. Serves as another point of contact.
 - Public Input. None.
- II. Downing/Sarnowski motion to approve the July 20, 2023 minutes. **Unanimous. Motion carries.**
- III. Friends of KVR Update. Unger: Friends Board last met Tuesday, August 15th. On Wednesday, August 23rd Friends will host KVR Staff Appreciation dinner. Hard at work on planning Dam Challenge pasta supper. Excited about three potential candidates for Friends Board – youthful energy.
- IV. Informational Items.
- Board Committee Appointments. Lind: heard from Charles which committee he would like to serve on; didn't hear from other KRMB members. Assume members wanting to stay on same committees already serving on. Let Lind know if that is not the case before committee appointments.
 - Update on Dam Challenge. Yocum: Committee of seven people consisting of Yocum, Schultz, Cronk, Leis, Hoel, Maxwell and Zahm, planning event. Ashley Walker, from Friends Board helping also. Busy working on promotion. Looking for event sponsorships and racer swag. 60+ registrants so far. Deadline to register October 4th, 2023.
 - Bird at front entry. Lind: front entrance currently closed. Nesting birds outside main doors have fledged from their nests. Thousands of mites were found outside the doors and inside the entry way. Sealed off doors and let off bug bomb. Took nests down and pressure washed outside of building. Purchased Nixalite bird netting to prevent birds from nesting there in the future.
- V. Education & Tourism Committee Report. Committee met August 10th, 2023. Schultz: summer camps are over – went well. One camp cancelled due to low registration. Held an Insects of the Night program on July 25th – 20+ people attended – KVR Educ. Prog. considering purchasing equipment to build their own moth cube. Other programs being planned for this fall include Forest Fridays (registration full), Homeschool Workshops, and new Parent & Child Class being taught by Susana Ruder. Yocum: discussed camping reservation system - coming up on 1 year anniversary of system. Schultz: attending Midwest Environmental Educators Conference November 2nd-4th in La Crosse. Schultz/Cwynar attending Wisconsin Master Naturalist Instructor training also in November. Hope is to run Master Naturalist program at KVR next year. Zahm: questions if we could ask for donations on reservation system. Yocum will look into this. Zahm: finance committee could research this, too. Next Educ. & Tourism Committee meeting October 12, 2023.
- VI. Land Management Update. No committee meeting since last KRMB meeting. Next LM meeting September 12th, 2023 at 5:30pm.
- VII. Finance Committee Update. No committee meeting since last KRMB meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting September 11th, 2023 at 9am.

- VIII. Enforcement Update. Leis: property has been busy. No major issues. Slight parking issue at Landing 5 – overcrowded and getting bottled up - talk about expanding lot on south side – although not much room to expand. Leis attended Cops and Bobbers event August 16th at Blackhawk Rock Park by Mississippi River – 50-60 youth attended. Zahm: thanked Leis for attending event.
- IX. Other issues.
- Board member matters or requests for future agenda topics.
 - Lind: there will be Meet & Greet August 29th between KVR and Forest School staff. Opportunity to faces and names together – KRMB welcome to attend – coffee and refreshments provided.
 - Zahm/Lind: Future discussion on carrying capacity for all users able to use Reserve at any given time.
 - Lind: Downing will be filling in for Lind while he is on vacation.
 - Leis: Natural Resources Board (DNR) visited KVR on August 8th – toured Weister Creek. NRB sets policy for DNR. Tour put on by other DNR fisheries highlighting stream project and collaboration of working together with KVR, Ho-Chunk Nation, and Trout Unlimited Chapters that contributed as well as Sportsman’s Clubs. Had a fish shocking demonstration – netted Brooke Trout and Brown Trout – threw them back in - in a 20 foot stretch shocked 50-60 fish. Questions about how the project is being managed after the fact. Paul Hayes, former KRMB member, was present and spoke about the project. Went to Wildcat State Park after visiting KVR.
 - Sarnowski: has been approached from hikers about having benches along Old Hwy 131 Trail – between Bridge 18 and Star Valley specifically – something natural like a log. Lind: Land Management Committee should discuss this.
 - Downing: someone mentioned to him about seeing glass on the river - wondering if signage could be approved. Leis: signage already exists at landings stating no glass on river and language about \$150 fine. Lind: could talk to Village of Ontario board about putting signage at public landing in Ontario.
- X. Next KRMB meeting September 21, 2023. Maxwell/Downing motion to adjourn. **Unanimous. motion carries.** The meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

Recorded by: Erica Cronk