

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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RIVERWAY BOARD ISSUES PERMITS

MUSCODA.....The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met in Muscodia on February 9th to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The board approved issuance of a permit to Roy Lassen for modification of an existing structure in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County. The activity will entail the addition of two screened porches to an existing house on CTH Y, a short distance upstream of the boat landing. The landowner recently purchased the property and has made numerous improvements with more changes anticipated in the coming months. Mark Cupp, LWSRB Executive Director, noted Mr. Lassen has spent considerable time and expense in cleaning up the property and has ordered tree seedlings for planting this spring. He said the porch additions will not make the structure more visible from the river.

The board also approved extensions to two previously issued permits. A one-year extension was issued to John Jacobs for construction of an Amish-style cabin in the Town of Wauzeka, Crawford County. Site preparation has been completed but the cabin was not built due to the wet fall construction season. The board also extended the deadline for planting of additional screening vegetation at the Kathy Santos and Kelhi Mason property in the Town of Clyde, Iowa County. The board had required trees to be planted this spring but extended the deadline until June 10th to allow the board to assess visibility of the new house when viewed from the river during leaf-on conditions.

In other action, the board received training on the open records law in Wisconsin and learned at-large member Ritchie Brown of Black River Falls will appear before the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy to confirm his re-appointment. Brown has served as a board member since 2003. Cupp said the three-year terms of Ron Leys (Crawford County) and Gigi LaBudde (Sauk County) will expire on May 1st. Cupp noted Governor Scott Walker's Executive budget proposal funded the board's base request for the next biennium but did not fund an amended request for an additional \$14,000. If the additional funding is not inserted during the legislative review process, the board will have to implement austerity measures to cover the shortfall. Under the Governor's proposal, the board will receive \$224,300 in each year of the biennium, a decrease of 1.4% from the current fiscal year.

Following the public comment session, the board adjourned until the next meeting to be held in Muscodia on March 9th.

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