

# LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### WILLIAMSON APPOINTED TO RIVERWAY BOARD

MUSCODA.....The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board met in Muscodia on December 8<sup>th</sup> to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. The board welcomed Steve Williamson as the new Richland County representative to the board. He replaces David Martin of rural Muscodia who chose not to seek re-appointment. The appointment of Williamson was made by Governor Scott Walker. Williamson is a Town of Eagle third generation farmer who also works for Hartung Brothers of Arena. He is a member of the Richland County Board and the Eagle Town Board. He also serves as a member of the Cultural Landscape Legacies Board of Directors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving effigy mounds and rock art sites in the Upper Midwest. A portion of Williamson's farm falls within the Riverway boundary and he has received permits for timber management activities from the board in the past.

Williamson said, "I am pleased to be the new Richland County representative to the Riverway Board and look forward to lending my voice as a lifelong area resident and landowner to Riverway discussions. I believe the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway is one of our most valuable natural resource assets in southwestern Wisconsin and can serve to enhance our quality of life in the valley as well as to be a regional economic development driver through tourism."

In other action, the board approved issuance of timber harvest and timber stand improvement project permits to Frank Zillner for a parcel in the Town of Wyoming, Iowa County. Plans call for selective harvest of merchantable hardwoods and small regeneration cuts of aspen. The oak component of the woodlot will be enhanced by removal of undesirable species, such as ironwood, and non-native invasive species. Mark Cupp, Executive Director, also reported he had issued a structure permit to Julie and John Grogan for construction of a new pole shed in the Town of Wyalusing, Grant County. The shed will not be visible from the Wisconsin River during leaf-on conditions.

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## WILLIAMSON JOINS RIVERWAY BOARD/ADD ONE

The board approved the 2017 meeting schedule. The board meets at 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. The meeting locations for next year are as follows:

January 12, 2017	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
February 9, 2017	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
March 9, 2017	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
April 13, 2017	Sauk City	Public Library
May 11, 2017	Boscobel	City Hall
June 8, 2017	Mazomanie	Black Hawk Unit (Rhineland Cabin)
July 13, 2017	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building
August 10, 2017	Prairie du Chien	Wyalusing State Park
September 14, 2017	Spring Green	Public Library
October 12, 2017	Wauzeka	Village Hall
November 9, 2017	Avoca	Village Hall
December 14, 2017	Muscoda	Kratochwill Memorial Building

Information on Riverway Board activities may be found at the board's website <http://lwr.state.wi.us> or Facebook page or by calling (608) 739-3188.

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