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Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:10 AM
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Cc: 'Kevin Skogman'; 'Dawn Bartel'
Subject: RE: Fox River navigation season and marine manhole lighting

Dave:

I will dig into whatever information we have from previous discussions and make contact with Fox River Nav Authority.

For the 2017 budget there was \$9800 appropriated for markings.

The item will be noted on the agenda for Tuesday.

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FYI:

The Fox Locks will open Friday morning (tomorrow). The De Pere lock opens at 8, Little Kaukauna lock at 10, and the Appleton, Cedars, Combined Locks and Little Chute locks at 11.

Little Chute was closed last summer to clear out 30 years of weed overgrowth. Absent from the list of openings are the locks in Kaukauna, Menasha, and Rapide Croche.

The Fox River Navigation System Authority says the Kaukauna locks are closed for the year because the lift bridge needs repairs. The Menasha lock has been closed since late 2015 because of the presence of the round goby, an invasive species. The Authority says it's considering installing an electric or carbon dioxide barrier system in the water or a boat haul-over inside the lock. That will likely not happen this year. Rapide Croche is also closed to prevent the spread of invasive species. The Authority is considering a plan to build a boat transfer and cleaning station there.

The locks will be in operation until October 1.

In the past we have discussed the need for marker lights to be placed on the marine structures of the interceptor as aids to navigation. There were a couple of lighting system alternatives and manufacturer's product information presented at past meetings. There were discussions about solar powered units, battery units, vandalism resistance etc. We said that we would choose a system and get it installed when the river traffic warrants it. Is this the time?

Have we been in contact with the Fox River Navigation System Authority about this issue? Are there any regulations for this that we must get into compliance with? If so, what is the timetable? Are there any public funds/grants or participation monies available from WDNR, Corps of Engineers, Fox River Navigation System Authority to help pay for the lights?

Brian: Can you make inquiries with Fox River Navigation System Authority on this subject so we can get an update at next Tuesday's meeting. We can discuss this under old/new business.

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