## 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna **Nature Center Building** 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM



#### **AGENDA**

### In-Person

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call Verification of a quorum
- 3. Public Appearances
- 4. Reading and Approval Minutes
  - a. 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Minutes of November 16, 2023
  - b. 1000 Islands Environmental Center Special Committee Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023
- 5. Financial Report
  - a. November Financial Report
  - b. December Financial Report
- 6. Correspondence
- 7. The Friends of 1000 Islands Report
- 8. Naturalist Report
  - a. November and December Naturalist Report
  - Year in Review
  - c. 4th Quarter 2023 Usage Report
  - d. 2023 CD & Golden Passport Account Summary
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. Administrative/Finance Committee Reports
    - Receive and Place on File Minutes of October 11, 2023 Administrative & Finance Sub-Committee Meeting
  - b. Education Committee Report
    - i. Receive and Place on File Minutes of July 6, 2023 Education Sib-Committee Meeting
    - ii. Receive and Place on File Minutes of October 4, 2023 Education Sub-Committee Meeting
  - c. Building & Grounds Committee Reports
    - Receive and Place on File Minutes of August 21, 2023 Building & Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting

- 10. Old Business
  - a. Eagle Days Update
  - b. Washer and Dryer Install Update
  - c. Naturalist and Administrative Assistant Position Replacement Update
  - <u>d.</u> Community Foundation Endowment Fund Update
  - e. 2024 Tree Seedling Sale
- 11. New Business
- 12. Good of the Center
- 13. Next Meeting February 15, 2024
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- 14. Adjournment

### Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Members Present** Breitzman, Eggleston, Hietpas, Hintz, Jakel, Manion, Pautz, and Van Berkel, West, and White

### Not Present N/A

### Also Present Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

Chair, Pautz called the November Committee Meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum is present. Welcome Brian Hintz and Charles West, our two new Committee members.

### October 19, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Manion made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the October 19, 2023, Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

### Public Appearances None

### October Financial Report

Discussion on budget item, Seminar Expenses, and the City's decision to deny the Site Manager's FVTC Class expenditures. Eggleston made a motion to approve the October Financial Report. Seconded by. Motion carried.

### Correspondence

A group from Alliance Church volunteered on November 4<sup>th</sup> and did an outstanding job with fall clean-up tasks. Noah Acord completed his Eagle Project with 1000 Islands and built two portable snowshoe racks. Kurt Kress built a portable bookshelf cart so we can move it about the building for use. We received the KASD budget payment.

### Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Friends' checking account will be switching to East Wisconsin in the coming months. John Moyles, Director of J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, will be the speaker at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 14 at 1:00 PM.

### Naturalist's Report

Nowak is the coordinator for the Outagamie County Bald Eagle Nest Watch and is working with other surrounding county coordinators.

The Motus receiver is installed, and we are working with the City's IT Dept. to get the app running for website viewing of migrating birds passing through along with migration patterns. All costs have been covered by a grant. The Bat Monitoring Station is still up and running through Lawrence University.

Per the City Fire Chief suggestion, our EpiPens and Narcan are stored in the AED case. Deb created a water quality program for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class at Riverview Middle School. The program went extremely well and we received very positive feedback.

Van Berkel made a motion to accept the October Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

### **Admin and Finance Sub-Committee**

The following two Resolutions are on the Legislative Committee Agenda for approval on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and on the Common Council Agenda for approval on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Resolution Directing the 1000 Islands Committee to update their Endowment Policy to match the Language of the Community Foundation.
- Resolution directing the 1000 Islands Committee to transfer Funds from existing Endowment CD's to the Community Foundation.

**Education Sub-Committee** Eagle Days is on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and we will once again have the National Eagle Center bring a live Bald Eagle and provide three presentations. The Kaukauna Public Library will also have events for Eagle Days and we are looking into ways to incorporate more Community businesses to become involved.

**Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee** The water pressure regulator valve was failing and Petersen Plumbing replaced the unit this week.

Nowak walked the Boardwalk and Upper Woods trails with a GIS employee from Kaukauna Utilities to map the trails. This information will be instrumental when we start the Boardwalk replacement project and when we re-route and enhance the Upper Woods trails. Memorial benches will also be identified on the map.

Old Business Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Sub-Committee Assignments will stay the same and Hintz will replace Carlson and West will replace Gertz's assignments.

A motion by Manion, seconded by Pautz to adjourn to closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.851(1)(C) to discuss employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:30 PM. A motion by Manion, seconded by Eggleston to return to open session for possible action. Motion carried. Returned to open session at 7:52 PM.

### Good for the Center

Nowak shared two upcoming holiday events—the Electric City Christmas Parade which we will participate in, and the Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party. Nowak invited everyone to a parade planning meeting on Monday, November 20 at 4:00 PM and encouraged everyone to stop by during the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Van Berkel moved to adjourn the November 16, 2023, Committee Meeting at 8:03 PM. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt, Acting Secretary

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# SPECIAL 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER COMMITTER

City of Kaukauna Nature Center Building 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM

### **MINUTES**

### **In-Person**

I. Call to Order

Chair Pautz called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

II. Roll Call - Verification of a quorum

Members Present: Breitzman, Eggleston, Jakel, Manion, Pautz, White

Also Present: Feldt, Garrity, Nowak

A quorum is present.

### III. New Business

a. Update on the hiring and transition plan for the Naturalist position: Pautz provided a summary of the meeting with the Mayor and several department heads regarding the process for hiring a Naturalist and plans for the transition. Eggleston, Manion, and Breitzman, who also attended the meeting, shared their input from the meeting as well. Community Enrichment and Recreation Director, Terri Vosters, will serve as the interim director of 1000 Islands for a 6 month trial to explore realigning 1000 Islands under the Community Enrichment department.
The interview process was discussed. The Committee will be invited to have up to 3 members attend the second round of interviews which will take place at the Nature Center.
The group discussed the interim between Nowak's last day and when the new staff member will start. It is estimated that it will likely be mid-February before another staff member is on-board. Maureen's request to postpone her retirement until February 2nd in exchange for additional hours and compensation was granted by Common Council. This will help greatly for building coverage and transitioning tasks to new staff members.

### IV. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Manion made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

### **NOTICES**

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

## City of Kaukauna 1000 Islands Environmental Center Budget vs. Actual From Jan 2023 to November 2023

Accounts	November	YTD Amount	Budget Amount	Amount Over Budget	% of Budget	
Income						
4391 - Kaukauna School District Aids	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
4392 - Outagamie County Aids	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
4694 - Facilities/Building Rental (Taxable)	\$72.52	\$522.64	\$3,000.00	(\$2,477.36)	17.42%	
4695 - Facilities/Building Rental (Non-Taxable	\$0.00	(\$275.00)	\$2,000.00	(\$2,275.00)	-13.75%	
4696 - Programing Fees	\$703.00	\$8,483.30	\$7,000.00	\$1,483.30	121.19%	
4716 - Gift Shop Sales	\$162.76	\$5,245.96	\$6,000.00	(\$754.04)	87.43%	
4802 - Donations & Contributions	\$1,905.00	\$16,973.71	\$20,000.00	(\$3,026.29)	84.879	
4810 - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$5,913.93	\$6,000.00	(\$86.07)	98.57%	
4910 - Env Center Restricted Donate	\$385.24	\$3,249.38	\$0.00	\$3,249.38	0.00	
4911 - Fundraising Sales	\$0.00	\$7,440.04	\$0.00	\$7,440.04	0.00	
4913 - Memorial Purchases	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00	
4914 - Education	\$105.50	\$4,744.50	\$0.00	\$4,744.50	0.009	
4915 - Building & Grounds Donation	\$0.00	\$23,976.63	\$0.00	\$23,976.63	0.00%	
Total - Income	\$3,334.02	\$101,475.09	\$69,000.00	\$32,475.09	147.079	
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Expense				(****		
5101 - Regular Payroll	\$12,911.98	\$146,374.78	\$168,435.00	(\$22,060.22)	86.90°	
5104 - Temporary Payroll	\$0.00	\$6,839.04	\$5,990.00	\$849.04	114.179	
5119 - Longevity Pay	\$423.15	\$423.15	\$400.00	\$23.15	105.79	
5151 - Retirement Plan	\$631.84	\$6,841.45	\$7,809.00	(\$967.55)	87.61	
5152 - Residency	\$679.40	\$6,646.38	\$6,890.00	(\$243.62)	96.46	
5154 - Social Security	\$715.01	\$7,844.85	\$9,673.00	(\$1,828.15)	81.10	
5157 - Group Health Insurance	\$1,796.06	\$22,291.52	\$24,088.00	(\$1,796.48)	92.54	
5160 - Group Life Insurance	\$18.38	\$253.29	\$281.00	(\$27.71)	90.149	
5163 - Workers Compensation	\$325.92	\$4,030.84	\$4,302.00	(\$271.16)	93.70	
5205 - Seminar Expenses	\$0.00	\$449.00	\$2,500.00	(\$2,051.00)	17.969	
5211 - Education & Memberships	\$105.00	\$365.00	\$500.00	(\$135.00)	73.00	
5260 - Animal & Bird Care	\$506.97	\$2,385.19	\$1,600.00	\$785.19	149.07	
5264 - Programs	\$289.73	\$1,993.58	\$2,200.00	(\$206.42)	90.62	
5276 - Conservancy Zone Maint	\$0.00	\$1,468.91	\$2,000.00	(\$531.09)	73.45	
5303 - Communications	\$75.00	\$825.00	\$900.00	(\$75.00)	91.67	
5306 - Heating Fuels	\$177.80	\$1,699.16	\$3,000.00	(\$1,300.84)	56.64°	
5309 - Water Sewer & Electric	\$635.08	\$7,364.89	\$9,000.00	(\$1,635.11)	81.83	
5312 - Maintenance - Buildings	\$1,529.45	\$12,429.38	\$15,500.00	(\$3,070.62)	80.19	
5315 - Maintenance - Office Equipment	\$111.20	\$1,443.96	\$1,500.00	(\$56.04)	96.26	
5318 - Maintenance - Automotive	\$0.00	\$335.98	\$100.00	\$235.98	335.98	
5321 - Maintenance - All Other Equipm	\$0.00	\$42.44	\$500.00	(\$457.56)	8.49	
5325 - Contractual Services	\$69.64	\$1,739.24	\$1,200.00	\$539.24	144.94	
5334 - Printing Expense	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$700.00	(\$541.00)	22.71	
5401 - Office Supplies	\$47.59	\$448.64	\$600.00	(\$151.36)	74.77	
5404 - Clothing Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	(\$700.00)	0.00	
5407 - Automotive Supplies	\$0.00	\$216.99	\$300.00	(\$83.01)	72.33	
5410 - General Supplies	\$36.06	\$1,034.51	\$2,000.00	(\$965.49)	51.739	
5416 - Custodial Supplies	\$64.02	\$1,077.90	\$800.00	\$277.90	134.749	
5431 - Postage	\$18.44	\$81.44	\$100.00	(\$18.56)	81.449	
5440 - Concession Product	\$198.82	\$2,437.95	\$3,700.00	(\$1,262.05)	65.89	
5499 - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$844.40	\$1,500.00	(\$655.60)	56.29	
5804 - Equipment (including Office)	\$0.00	\$1,862.96	\$1,650.00	\$212.96	112.91	
5807 - Mach Tools & Instruments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	(\$1,200.00)	0.00	
5898 - Restricted Funds	\$1,228.87	\$29,368.21	\$0.00	\$29,368.21	0.00%	
Total - Expense	\$22,595.41	\$271,619.03	\$281,618.00	(\$9,998.97)	96.459	
et Income	(\$19,261.39)	(\$170,143.94)	(\$212,618.00)	\$42,474.06	80.029	

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2	1000	Islands Er	nvironmenta	al Center		
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	4694 - Facilities/Building Rental (Taxable)	(\$3.99)	\$518.65	\$3,000.00	(\$2,481.35)	17.29%
	4695 - Facilities/Building Rental (Non-Taxable)	\$0.00	(\$275.00)	\$2,000.00	(\$2,275.00)	-13.75%
	4696 - Programing Fees	\$580.00	\$9,063.30	\$7,000.00	\$2,063.30	129.48%
	4716 - Gift Shop Sales	\$234.14	\$5,480.10	\$6,000.00	(\$519.90)	91.34%
15	4802 - Donations & Contributions	\$3,790.00	\$20,763.71	\$20,000.00	\$763.71	103.82%
16	4810 - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$5,913.93	\$6,000.00	(\$86.07)	98.57%
17	4910 - Env Center Restricted Donate	\$383.72	\$3,633.10	\$0.00	\$3,633.10	0.00%
	4911 - Fundraising Sales	\$0.00	\$7,440.04	\$0.00	\$7,440.04	0.00%
19	4913 - Memorial Purchases	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00%
20	4914 - Education	\$25.00	\$4,769.50	\$0.00	\$4,769.50	0.00%
21	4915 - Building & Grounds Donation  Total - Income	\$0.00	\$23,976.63	\$0.00	\$23,976.63	0.00%
24	Total - Income	\$5,008.87	\$106,483.96	\$69,000.00	\$37,483.96	154.32%
	Expense					
	5101 - Regular Payroll	\$13,019.29	\$159,394.07	\$168,435.00	(\$9,040.93)	94.63%
27	5104 - Temporary Payroll	\$0.00	\$6,839.04	\$5,990.00	\$849.04	114.17%
	5107 - Overtime Pay	\$69.31	\$69.31	\$0.00	\$69.31	0.00%
	5119 - Longevity Pay	\$0.00	\$423.15	\$400.00	\$23.15	105.79%
	5151 - Retirement Plan	\$604.72	\$7,446.17	\$7,809.00	(\$362.83)	95.35%
31	5152 - Residency	\$662.69	\$7,309.07	\$6,890.00	\$419.07	106.08%
	5154 - Social Security	\$716.38	\$8,561.23	\$9,673.00	(\$1,111.77)	88.51%
	5157 - Group Health Insurance	\$61.00	\$22,352.52	\$24,088.00	(\$1,735.48)	92.80%
	5160 - Group Life Insurance	\$13.12	\$266.41	\$281.00	(\$14.59)	94.81%
	5163 - Workers Compensation	\$322.55	\$4,353.39	\$4,302.00	\$51.39	101.19%
	5205 - Seminar Expenses 5211 - Education & Memberships	\$0.00	\$449.00 \$365.00	\$2,500.00	(\$2,051.00)	17.96%
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	5264 - Programs	\$6.59	\$2,496.75	\$2,200.00	(\$199.83)	90.92%
	5276 - Conservancy Zone Maint	\$0.00	\$1,468.91	\$2,200.00	(\$531.09)	73.45%
	5303 - Communications	\$75.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	5306 - Heating Fuels	\$0.00	\$1,699.16	\$3,000.00	(\$1,300.84)	56.64%
	5309 - Water Sewer & Electric	\$744.70	\$8,109.59	\$9,000.00	(\$890.41)	90.11%
	5312 - Maintenance - Buildings	\$853.50	\$13,282.88	\$15,500.00	(\$2,217.12)	85.70%
	5315 - Maintenance - Office Equipment	\$221.79	\$1,665.75	\$1,500.00	\$165.75	111.05%
	5318 - Maintenance - Automotive	\$0.00	\$335.98	\$100.00	\$235.98	335.98%
$\overline{}$	5321 - Maintenance - All Other Equipm	\$0.00	\$42.44	\$500.00	(\$457.56)	8.49%
	5325 - Contractual Services	\$741.38	\$2,480.62	\$1,200.00	\$1,280.62	206.72%
	5334 - Printing Expense	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$700.00	(\$541.00)	22.71%
	5401 - Office Supplies 5404 - Clothing Expense	\$39.99 \$6.29	\$488.63 \$6.29	\$600.00 \$700.00	(\$111.37) (\$693.71)	81.44% 0.90%
52	5407 - Automotive Supplies	\$0.29	\$216.99	\$300.00	(\$83.01)	72.33%
-	5410 - General Supplies	\$135.48	\$1,169.99	\$2,000.00	(\$830.01)	58.50%
	5416 - Custodial Supplies	\$0.00	\$1,077.90	\$800.00	\$277.90	134.74%
55	5431 - Postage	\$78.72	\$160.16	\$100.00	\$60.16	160.16%
	5440 - Concession Product	\$41.98	\$2,479.93	\$3,700.00	(\$1,220.07)	67.03%
57	5499 - Miscellaneous	\$14.98	\$859.38	\$1,500.00	(\$640.62)	57.29%
58	5804 - Equipment (including Office)	\$0.00	\$1,862.96	\$1,650.00	\$212.96	112.91%
	5807 - Mach Tools & Instruments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	(\$1,200.00)	0.00%
60	5898 - Restricted Funds	\$591.43	\$29,959.64	\$0.00	\$29,959.64	0.00%
61 62	Total - Expense	\$19,132.45	\$290,751.48	\$281,618.00	\$9,133.48	103.24%
	Net Income	(\$14,123.58)	(\$184,267.52)	(\$212,618.00)	\$28,350.48	86.67%
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# Naturalist Report November/December 2023

### Admin/Finance

 Endowment Update: We withdrew \$13, 002.54 from the 1000 Islands' Golden Passport Account at the Bank of Kaukauna. This check will be taken to the Community Foundation to start the new Endowment Fund. Maureen is working with Will (Director of Finance) and the City Attorney to review the Community Foundation's agreement to ensure all is in order before the Mayor and Sally Kenney sign the agreement.

### Education

- Motus info now live online at motus.org. There have been no detections as of 12/19. Hopefully spring migration will result in some data.
- The Fox Valley Bald Eagle Nest Watch program will continue for 2024 as I will volunteer to coordinate the program. Deb will coordinate with the new Naturalist to hand the program over before the 2025 nesting season.
- Plans for Eagle Days are coming together and Brad Garrity will be the lead person for the day. The
  Friends group will have a food stand. Event promotions have been completed on FB, Website and
  Community Calendars.
- We had 640 students at 1000 Islands for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter field trips. Over half of these students were from the Kaukauna Area School District. (See the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Dashboard for more information.)
- The 1000 Islands Summer Programing schedule is set completed and Sarah is working with the Library to complete the collaborated programs that will be offered.
- We have had an issue with algae in the second fish tank and are seeking out help to correct this. Also the sand table is not working properly. IT will be called to correct the problem

### **Building & Grounds**

- A single unit washer and dryer was purchased to wash towels and aquarium filters. Site Manager Garrity will work on getting the appliance installed. The washer is delivered and Enterprise Electric has been here to give us an estimate and Peterson Plumbing will be stopping by to do the same.
- Nowak and Garrity met with Public Works Director Neumeier regarding the boardwalk project. Neumeier
  will look for permission to bid in February or March and look to bid the project in spring. It is hopeful
  that the project can be completed over two years instead of three. The Community Foundation and the
  Nelson Family Fund are interested in funding this project. Garrity will submit a proposal to them for
  review before February 1st.
- Brad Garrity and Don Neumeier met with engineers in regard to the retention pond in the Upper Woods and the work that will be completed to increase the size. Part of the trail will need to be closed to complete this work.

# 2023 Year in Review

## Administrative/Finance

- \$15,011.84 was added to the Endowment from new contributions made in 2023.
- The City went through a Strategic Planning Process with Deb attending the meetings along with the other Department Heads.
- NetSuite was implemented by the City Finance Dept. and we are utilizing this new financial system for receipting and to create the monthly reports for the Committee Meetings.
- Paycor was implemented by the City Human Resources Dept. which we are all using to punch in/out along with tracking our time and requesting time-off.
- The 1000 Islands Strategic Plan was completed and presented to the City Council.
- The Endowment was set up with the Community Foundation

## **Education**

- We had a very successful Eagle Days with approximately 1,000 people in attendance and three presentations by the National Eagle Center.
- The Fox Valley Bald Eagle Nest Watch program started in February with 36 nests being monitored by 90 volunteers.
- We now have approximately 60 new snowshoes and are selling the old ones through the Gift Shop. New rental prices have been determined.
- Field Trip costs have been increased from \$2 to \$3 for a half-day program and from \$3 to \$5 for a full day program.
- Lilly Roehrig completed her student co-op year at the end of the school year.
- Jabber's health became an issue this year and he is now on two meds/twice a day.
- Liliana (summer intern) returned from last (2022) summer and was instrumental in helping with programming and various projects and events.
- The book *Grover the Goat* was completed and is on sale in the Gift Shop.
- All summer field trips were all half-day programs only and went over well and we will do the same programming in 2024.
- The Tree Seedling Sale was sponsored by Kaukauna Utilities again. Total proceeds from the 2023 sale are \$7352.64 and we received \$245 in donations with the seedling order as well.
- The Motus Receiver which collects data on migrating birds was installed in fall. The costs for this are covered by a grant received by the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory.
- A new Water Cycle program was developed for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at River View.
- Focus on the Fox was on September 23 with a lower than anticipated turnout.
- Goat browsing sessions occurred in mid-June and late-September/early October this year. The
  project continues to make impacts on our invasive plants but also generates a lot of visitor
  traffic, donations and gift shop sales.

# **Building & Grounds**

- New flooring was installed in February of 2023.
- We discontinued building rentals for family-related parties as we saw an increase in noncompliance of our guidelines and overall disrespect for the live animals and building.
- Countless hours and donated funds were spent on removing buckthorn and planting native plant species throughout the year.
- An initial estimate came in for replacing the boardwalk for \$367,000 from Milbach Construction.
- We obtained two adult and two child EpiPens that are stored in the EAD box.
- Began aggressively treating and eliminating phragmites in the culverts near the intersection of Z and old ZZ (Kayak Launch). Also removed many buckthorn plants, opening the view to the river.
- Work began on clearing and preparing the area to be developed into an educational play area and tree nursery.
- Inaugural Service Saturdays volunteer program provided drop in opportunities for volunteers and introduced our regular volunteer opportunities.
- Planted oak and maple seedlings and saplings in areas near nature center/trailhead cleared of buckthorn. This summer's drought made it tough to do much planting.
- Site Manager updated the conservancy invasives management plan and developed wildlife and habitat management plan and forestry evaluation for the Upper Woods.
- Changed HVAC service provider from Bassett Mechanical to Berken Heating and Cooling.
- Building siding project put on hold Street Dept may do the labor, will get new material guotes in 2024.
- Received window quotes for possible ongoing replacement throughout building.
- Wildlife rescues on property included trapped Canada Goose, Great Blue Heron with broken wing, Egret caught in fishing line, etc.
- Yellow Jackets were a major issue in Fall, causing multiple stings to the Site Manager, disruption to visitors, closing sections of trail, and invasion of the bat house.
- After a promising start to the season, one of the bee colonies absconded from their hive. May have been caused by the yellow jackets in Fall.
- Welcomed multiple corporate volunteer groups who helped with invasives removal, fence and boardwalk repair, trail maintenance, tree planting, staining picnic tables, and more.

# 1000 Islands Usage Report Dashbaord

Key											
Red	Investigate	<75% of Avg									
Yellow	Monitor	75-90% of Avg									
Green	Celebrate	> 90% of Avg									

Performance Indicators	Avg over Current 3 years Indicator	Trend QT 1 2017 QT 1 2016QT 1 2015	Comments
Programming			
Kaukauna Schools			
Kaukauna Scouts			
Kaukauna Groups			
Kaukauna Residents			
Other Schools			
Other Scouts			
Other Groups			
Other Residents			
Total Programming			
Building Use			
Kaukauna Schools			
Kaukauna Scouts			
Kaukauna Groups			
Kaukauna Residents			
Other Schools			
Other Scouts			
Other Groups			
Other Residents			
Building Use Total			
Totals			
Kaukauna Total			
Other Total			
Combined Total			

### 1000 Islands Dashboard 4th Quarter 2023

Date Attendance Rout Group Harre    Date   Attendance Group Harre   Purpose   Purpose	other P	e <sup>e</sup>
10/3/2023 35 Ferber Elementary What Am I? & Diversity Hike 35 A	Jiher .	
10/3/2023   35   Ferber Elementary   What Am I? & Diversity Hike   35   A		
10/3/2023   35   Ferber Elementary   What Am I? & Diversity Hike   35   A		
10/4/2023 20 Lifelong Learning Invasive Species - Goats 20		
10/4/2023 8 River Valley Outdoorsmen Building Use - Club Meeting 8		
10/6/2023 22 River View Middle School Hike on their own 22		
10/7/2023 8 Woodland Intermediate Gir Scout 2285 Geocaching 8 K		
10/8/2023         50         Pavilion Rental         Pogrant Family Reunion         25         25		
10/9/2023         16         Boy Scout Troop 10431         Building Use - Troop Meeting         16		
10/11/2023 17 KHS Science Class Post Goat Evaluation 17	Α	APPLETON
10/13/2023         9         Public Program         1000 Little Wonders - Fungi         4         5	В	BRILLION
10/14/2023 18 Trail Life Troop 1857 Visit building & hike on own	С	CLINTONVILLE
10/14/2023 8 Girl Scout Program Brownie Bugs Badge Clinic 8	CR	CRIVITZ
10/16/2023 15 Boy Scout Troop 10431 Building Use - Troop Meeting 15	D	DAY CARE/PRESCH
10/18/2023 12 Fox Valley Bass Club Building Use - Club Meeting 12	DM	Denmark
Adaptations Hike, Nature Games,		
Who Eats What, and Bugs, Bugs,		
10/19/2023 45 Janssen Elementary Bugs 45 K	DP	De Pere
Adaptations Hike, Nature Games,		
Who Eats What, and Bugs, Bugs,		
10/20/2023 23 Janssen Elementary Bugs 23 K	F	Freedom
10/20/2023 50 Public Program with Library Storybook Walk - Stellaluna 25 25	GB	Green Bay
10/21/2023 4 Public Program with Library Survival Skills - Foraging 2 2	Н	Hortonville
10/21/2023 16 Pavilion Rental Levanetz Family Reunion 8 8	НА	Home School Association
10/23/2023	HI	Hilbert
10/24/2023 20 Xavier High School Off-Site Program-What a Naturalist Does 20 P	HS	Howard-Suamico
10/25/2023 42 Carl Traeger Elementary Fox River Ecology 42	K	Kimberly
10/25/2023 65 River View Middle School Hike on their own 65	L	Little Chute
10/25/2023         40         Public Program         Family Night Hike         20         20	М	Menasha
10/26/2023 42 Carl Traeger Elementary Fox River Ecology 42 OS	N	Neenah
10/30/2023	NH	New Holstein
What Am I?, Shelter Building, Who	1	
Eats What, Outdoor Scavenger		
10/31/2023 82 Alliance Charter School Hunt 82 N	os	Oshkosh
	oc	Oconto Falls
Runoff/Water Cycle & Chloride	+	
11/1/2023 85 River View Middle School Monitoring 85	os	Online Public School
11/1/2023 10 River Valley Outdoorsmen Building Use - Club Meeting 10	P	PAROCHIAL/PRIVATE
11/2/2023 44 Park School Erosion Hike 44	R	REEDSVILLE

### 1000 Islands Dashboard 4th Quarter 2023

11/3/2023	52	Franklin Elementary	Water Testing, River Walk		52	Α							RI	RIPON	
11/4/2023	20	Alliance Church	Volunteer Group Service Workday					20					s	SEYMOUR	
11/4/2023	0	Pubilc Program with Library	Native American Program									0	W	WRIGHTSTO	٧N
11/6/2023	15	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						15				WR	WISCONSIN F	RAPIDS
11/7/2023	34	Park School	Off-site Program - Hibernation & M												
11/8/2023	6	Kaukauna Utilities	Senior Management Meeting				6								
11/8/2023	25	Outagamie Co Highway Dept	Building Rental - Public Meeting CTH 2		ject						12	13			
11/10/2023	13	Public Program	1000 Little Wonders - Wolly Bea Caterpill								6	7			
11/11/2023	25	Public Program	Hibernation Exploration								12	13			
11/13/2023	15	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						15						
11/15/2023	13	Fox Valley Bass Club	Building Use - Montly Meeting				13								
11/15/2023	25	XYZ Club	Bald Eagle Presentation				25								
11/17/2023	50	Pubilc Program with Library	Storybook Walk - Bear Snores On								25	25			
11/18/2023	6	Pubilc Program with Library	Survival Series - Knot Tying								3	3			
11/20/2023	15	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						15						
11/21/2023	45	Kwik Trip	Building Rental - All Store Employee	Meeti	ng		45								
11/27/2023	16	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						16						
11/28/2023	13	Girl Scout Troop 2444	Pavilion Rental - Troop Meeting						13						
11/29/2023	30	Washington Elementary	Fox River Ecology		30	OS									
12/4/2023	15	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting				15								
			Where do they go in winter &												
12/5/2023	15	Home School Co-op	Animal track hike		15	HA									
12/6/2023	44	1000 Islands Voluneer Party	Building Use - Holiday Gathering				44								
12/6/2023	20	River Valley Outdoorsmen	Building Use - Club Meeting & Holio		hering		20								
12/7/2023	44	Park School	Off-Site Program - Sun, Moon & Sta	44											
12/8/2023	7	Public Program	1000 Little Wonders - Porcupines								4	3			
12/9/2-23	14	Public Program	Bees Wax Lip Balm Making Worksho	эр							7	7			
12/11/2023	16	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						16						
12/16/2023	5	Public Program with Library	Survival Skills - Shelter Building								3	2			
12/16/2023	10	Public Program	Bees Wax Lip Balm Making Worksho	эр							5	5			
12/18/2023	19	Boy Scout Troop 10431	Building Use - Troop Meeting						19						
12/20/2023	12	Fox Valley Bass Club	Building Use - Monthly Meeting				6	6							
12/29/2023	100	Public Program with Library	Storybook Walk - Over and Under th	ne Snov	ν						50	50			
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3		Acct #	12/31/2022	Interest**	<u>ln</u>	Out**	<b>Current Bal</b>		<u>%</u>	# of Days	<u>Accrual</u>	<u>Paid</u>					
4																	
5		41-214758-5	\$33,219.04	\$886.94		(\$886.94)	\$33,219.04		2.67%	458	\$1,113.12	10/6/2023	*posted qtrly	-ck sent to 100	00ls		
6		41-218040-4	\$43,650.66	\$1,534.03		(\$1,534.03)	\$43,650.66		4.91%	182	\$1,069.48	11/19/2023	*posted qtrly	-ck sent to 100	00ls		
7		41-225459-7	\$64,561.72	\$1,363.05		(\$1,363.05)	\$64,561.72		4.91%	275	\$2,387.00	10/14/2023	*posted qtrly	-ck sent to 100	00ls		
8		41-227130-2	\$28,763.46	\$923.59		(\$923.59)	\$28,763.46		5.20%	365	\$1,495.70	10/16/2023	*posted qtrly	-ck sent to 100	00ls		
9		413010493	\$21,594.18	\$693.17		(\$693.17)	\$21,594.18		3.21%	184	\$349.36	10/2/2023	*posted qtrly	-ck sent to 100	00ls		
10 11		822191	\$18,169.97	\$697.62		(\$697.62)	\$18,169.97		4.20%	186	\$389.20	12/13/2023	*posted semi	-annually - tsfr	to golden pass	sbook	
11		823081	\$11,254.38	\$168.81		(\$168.81)	\$11,254.38		5.00%	368	\$567.22				to golden pass	sbook	
12		413012028	\$63,749.12	\$1,313.95		(\$1,313.95)	\$63,749.12		4.91%	275	\$2,356.95			-ck sent to 100			
13		413015757	\$65,411.79	\$1,138.16		(\$1,138.16)	\$65,411.79		1.74%	398	\$1,240.60			-ck sent to 100			
14		823717	\$11,786.94	\$294.67		(\$294.67)	\$11,786.94		5.00%	364	\$589.85	10/10/2023	*posted semi	-annually - tsfr	r to golden passbook		
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# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna Nature Center Building 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM

MINUTES



### In-Person

Call to Order

Members Present: Eggleston, Manion, Van Berkel

Also Present: Nowak

Chair Van Berkel called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM

### 2. Reading and Approval Minutes

a. 1000 Islands Administrative/Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of October 2, 2023 Eggleston made a motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 Administrative/Finance meeting. Seconded by Manion. Motion passed.

### 3. Old Business

a. Review Draft Resolutions 2023-5897 and 2023-5898
 Van Berkel pointed out two areas that needed the addition of the word "to" in Resolution 2023-5897 and omitted the word "to" in the last paragraph of Resolution 2023-5398.

 Eggleston made a motion to forward draft resolutions 5897 and 5898 to the full Committee for approval to go before the Common Council. Seconded by Manion. Motion passed.

### 4. New Business

Review Policy 3.002 Operational Policy - Endowment, Memorial & Sustainable Funds
Reviewed policy and made several revisions. Manion made a motion to forward to the full
Committee approve the revised policy. Seconded by Eggleston. Motion passed.

### 5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Discussion on new performance evaluation. Suggested to share goals with Committee and the progress towards those goals throughout the year. The group is open to the changes in performance review.

### 6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Manion moved to adjourn. Seconded by Eggleston. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

### **NOTICES**

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# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna

Nature Center Building

1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Thursday, July 06, 2023 at 6:00 PM



### **In-Person**

Call to Order

Members Present: Breitzman, Carlson, Jakel, Pautz, White

Also Present: Nowak

Called to order at 6:02 PM

### 2. Reading and Approval Minutes

a. 1000 Islands Sub-Committee Minutes of March 16, 2023 White made a motion to waive the reading and approve the March 16, 2023 Education Sub-Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

### 3. Old Business

a. 2023 Focus on the Fox Event

Nowak gave an update on collaborative partners and plans for this year's Focus on the Fox event taking place on September 23. The Friends of 1000 Islands will be invited to do a food stand again.

b. Program Evaluation Update

Nowak informed the group that post-field trip evaluations are being submitted if follow-up is done after the program. There is a need to figure out how to do follow-up during the busy seasons. Nowak will create a laminated QR Code that staff and volunteers can share with teachers on the day of the field trip.

c. Natural Playscape Update

Nowak shared playscape components that have been researched by our Naturalist Intern. Several pictures were passed around of ideal components. The group agreed that plans are going in the right direction. Next steps will be to measure out the playscape area and start laying items out on a map.

### New Business

Back to School Event

Jakel shared thoughts on creating anew event at the start of the school year celebrating Jabber. One idea is to start a fun run. Jakel has researched the idea and would suggest a \$5 entry fee and the option to purchase a t-shirt. Jakel will look into t-shirt costs. Nowak suggested to invite a local rehabber with live program animals to add to the event. A tentative date of September 11 was selected and those interested will gather for a

brainstorming session on July 18 to determine if there is enough time and interest to put plans together.

### 5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Pautz inquired about the butterfly display and bird display mentioned at the previous sub-committee meeting. Nowak gave an update on both and showed a prototype for the new bird display. Former co-op student, Lilly Roehrig has been working on the bird display prototype.

### 6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Jakel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by White. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna

Nature Center Building

1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Wednesday, October 04, 2023 at 4:15 PM

**MINUTES** 



### **In-Person**

1. Call to Order

Members Present: None

No Quorum Present.

### **NOTICES**

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1000 Islands Environmental Center Mission Statement: To provide children, adults and families the knowledge and skills needed to build a sustainable balance among the environment, economy and community through education, conservation and recreation.



1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

# 1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER BUILDING & GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna Nature Center Building 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES



### In-Person

Call to Order

Members Present: Breitzman, Hietpas, Manion, Pautz, Carlson

Also Present: Nowak

Hietpas called meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

- 2. Reading and Approval Minutes
  - a. 1000 Islands Building & Grounds Sub-Committee Minutes of June 28, 2023
     Pautz made a motion to waive the reading and approve the June 28, 2023 Building & Grounds Committee minutes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.
- Old Business
  - a. Review Budget Proposal for Boardwalk Replacement
    Nowak gave an overview of the budget proposal from Milbach Construction. Nowak
    reviewed the funding that was already in place for the project, a potential source to cover
    the remaining funds and the need to go through a bidding process. Carlson made a motion
    to move forward with the boardwalk project. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.
- 4. New Business

The Sub-Committee discussed the need for some remodeling in the restrooms. The group toured the restrooms and discussed issues including sinks and counters that need replacement. Also discussed the need for a sink at a child's height. Investigating different faucets and changing the paper towel dispensers would be included in the project. Nowak will inquire with Peterson Plumbing on a quote for what is needed.

- Other Sub-Committee Items
- 6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Manion moved to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

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### 1000 Islands Endowment Fund

A designated endowment fund.

The City of Kaukauna wishes to establish a charitable fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. (the "Foundation"). The City of Kaukauna has provided for an irrevocable gift to establish this fund. This gift, together with any similarly directed gifts from any donor, shall be held and maintained as a component fund within the Foundation and administered as follows:

- 1. Name of Fund. This fund shall be known as the 1000 Islands Endowment Fund.
- 2. **Fund Purpose**. This fund is established for the purpose of supporting 1000 Islands Environmental Center.
- 3. Recipients of Fund Distributions. Distributions shall be made from this fund to the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, for the purpose stated above. In the event that ownership of 1000 Islands Environmental Center should be transferred to another governmental agency or charitable organization, distributions shall be made instead to such agency or organization for the purpose of this fund. In the event that 1000 Islands Environmental Center, or any successor organizations, should cease to exist or to carry out a charitable purpose, distributions shall be made instead as directed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, to one or more organizations serving a charitable purpose similar to that of 1000 Islands Environmental Center.
- 4. Amounts Available for Distribution. Each year, the Foundation shall make a certain portion of the fund assets available for distribution. The amount available for distribution shall be determined in accordance with the standard spending policy then in effect for the Foundation's permanent endowment funds. At this time, the Foundation's standard spending policy is up to four and a half percent (4.5%) of the value of the fund assets averaged over three calendar years. The Foundation's Board of Directors, acting in its sole discretion, may authorize distributions in excess of standard spending policy as it may deem appropriate.

NOTE: In the event the asset value of the Fund is under its historical gift value as the Foundation is calculating annual amount for distribution, no distribution(s) shall be made from the Fund for that year.

5. Investment of Fund Assets. The Foundation shall oversee the investment management of the fund assets. The Foundation's Board of Directors shall have all powers necessary or, in its sole discretion, desirable to fulfill this obligation, including but not limited to the power to retain, invest, and reinvest the fund assets and to commingle the fund assets with those of other funds for investment purposes.

6. Obligation to Ensure Charitable Use of Fund. As a component fund of the Foundation, this fund is subject to the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and related Federal laws and regulations, to the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and to the provisions of the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. These authorities require that the Foundation's Board of Directors, acting in its sole discretion, shall have the power and the duty to modify any restriction or condition of this fund that has become unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the Foundation's charitable purposes or the needs of the community served by the Foundation.

We hereby confirm that the provisions set forth above describe the City of Kaukauna's intent in establishing this fund.

| 12-26-23 |
| Date |
| Date |
| Accepted on behalf of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.

Curt S. Detjen, President/CEO

Date