

WISCONSIN WATERWAYS COMMISSION

AUGUST 7, 2021

STATE FUNDING RANKING (RBF Grants)

The Wisconsin Waterways Commission met on August 7, 2021 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and I attended via Zoom.

We were asking for 50% funding for the Upper Post South Shore Landing improvements or \$141,831.00 from the RBF State Grants.

We received a RBF grant of \$121,974.66 or 43% of the total estimated cost. **In late October, Jeff McKinney received notice that our grant request had been increased to \$141,831.00, which represents the 50% of total estimated cost for which we had applied. (Update from John Steber, 11/27/21)**

There were more funding requests than there were funds available. Compounding the problem was that they had preapproved an amount \$250,000 for the City of Hudson and \$242,304.30 for City of Tomah from last year's request. These were carryover requests and were funded at 50%

After numerous recalculations, the commission decided to fund the remaining project requests at 43%, of total costs. This could change a bit, as final calculations will be determined following the meeting. (They could have used accountant at the meeting)

It should be noted that the RBF grant money is divided in half, half going to the Great Lakes and half going to Inland Lakes. I spoke via phone with DNR Annie after the meeting, and she stated that it has been a common occurrence for the Great Lakes to have unused funds. In the past, if there was money left in the Great Lakes share, those funds could be used to bring Inland Lakes request up to the 50%. These funds will be considered in the spring of 2022. According to Annie, in the past, the current project requests were considered before any new requests would be considered but the commission was not willing to agree to that, at this meeting.

In November, the Commission will consider our application for \$100,000 from the Federal funding source (SFR grant). Hopefully, we will receive some funding from this source. We have provided documentation of the contour issues at the landing and we have increased the boat landing fee to \$3.00 both of which should help our rating. Annie has our application that was submitted last year and that application will be again submitted for this year. She will be in touch with me prior to the due date for the Federal funding; we may need to update our cost estimates.

We will not proceed with development of the boat landing, until we have a clearer picture of our total grant funding.

Note: The commission made mention of the contour mapping that was prepared by Andy and how helpful it was.