

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
SEG-O	276,100	284,000	2.9	284,000	0.0
TOTAL	276,100	284,000	2.9	284,000	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
SEG-O	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
TOTAL	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board is responsible for protecting and preserving the scenic beauty and natural character of the lands within the project boundary. The riverway project encompasses nearly 100,000 acres of public and private lands along the final 92 miles of the Wisconsin River. The board issues permits for construction, timber harvests, utility facilities and other activities that comply with the applicable performance standards. The board is composed of nine citizen members who serve staggered three-year terms. The Governor appoints three "at-large" members who must represent recreational user groups and serve subject to Senate confirmation. The remaining six members represent each of the riverway counties and are nominated by the respective county boards and then appointed by the Governor. The board employs an executive director and an executive assistant. The board is attached to the Department of Natural Resources for administrative purposes.

MISSION

The mission of the board is to protect and preserve the scenic beauty and natural character of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway through administration of a program to control land use and development. However, in concert with the program to control land use and development, due consideration shall be given to the rights of landowners and the freedom to exercise the rights associated with land ownership.

The challenge facing the board is to maintain the fragile and delicate balance between protection and preservation of the scenic beauty and natural character of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway and protection and preservation of the rights of landowners and local residents within the boundaries of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway.

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PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Program 1: Control of Land Development and Use in the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway

Goal: Protect the scenic beauty and natural character of the lower Wisconsin River valley.

Objective/Activity: Effectively administer regulations and permits.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

2023 AND 2024 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2023	Actual 2023	Goal 2024	Actual 2024
1.	Issue all permits (e.g., timber, utility, management, general, etc.) within three days of board action.	100%	99%	100%	98%
1.	Maintain frequency of consultation with local units of government.	Biennial contact with towns and incorporated municipalities and annual contact with counties	34 issue contacts	Biennial contact with towns and incorporated municipalities and annual contact with counties	36 issue contacts

Note: Based on fiscal year.

2025, 2026 AND 2027 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2025	Goal 2026	Goal 2027
1.	Issue all permits (e.g., timber, utility, management, general, etc.) within three days of board action.	100%	100%	100%
1.	Maintain frequency of consultation with local units of government.	Biennial contact with towns and incorporated municipalities and annual contact with counties	Biennial contact with towns and incorporated municipalities and annual contact with counties	Biennial contact with towns and incorporated municipalities and annual contact with counties

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Information Technology Upgrades
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$261.0	\$276.1	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0
State Operations	261.0	276.1	284.0	284.0	284.0	284.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$261.0	\$276.1	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0
State Operations	261.0	276.1	284.0	284.0	284.0	284.0

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
State Operations	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
State Operations	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
1. Control of land development and use in the lower Wisconsin state riverway	\$261.0	\$276.1	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0
TOTALS	\$261.0	\$276.1	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0	\$284.0

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
1. Control of land development and use in the lower Wisconsin state riverway	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
TOTALS	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

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1. Information Technology Upgrades

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00
TOTAL	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00	2,600	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to update and enhance the board's information technology equipment.

2. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00
TOTAL	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00	5,300	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$5,000 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$300 in each year).