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Lawmakers pushed on Superfund

State delegation wants to know more; chamber wants to avert it

By Susan Campbell
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The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry wants to pin down members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation on whether they favor a Superfund designation for the Fox River.

In letters to four lawmakers representing constituencies along the Fox River, Chamber President Bill Welch called on them to fax their political stance and avert a Superfund listing before it is too late.

"If Superfund listing is to be avoided, we think it will be critical to have members of our congressional delegation on record with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding this matter," Welch wrote.

"As a federal agency, we believe EPA will continue to have the authority to list, we feel confident EPA will not be opposed to listing, we feel confident EPA will not be opposed to listing, we feel confident EPA will not be opposed to listing," Welch's letter — sent to Sen. Russ Feingold and Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Wis., and Rep. Jay Johnson, D-Green Bay, and Sen. Peter J. Lehmann, D-La Crosse — follows a letter the lawmakers agreed Monday in which they stated they favor a voluntary river cleanup.

The letter, sent as a response to the EPA's call for comments on a proposed Superfund listing of the river, says Superfund status could bring federal funds to start the cleanup, as well as force agencies to hold responsible for the contamination if they fail to respond.

Most state members of congress choose that a Superfund listing could bring more money along the river, while others say it is necessary to list the Fox to ensure \$600 million of PCBs that remain brown paper mill sludges.

The lawmakers, each of whom has written letters to the EPA, also were asked the agency to list the river as a Superfund site. The EPA's Superfund program is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites.

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Waterways conference on tap

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The Fox River cleanup, Green Bay research and problems of runoff pollution will be the focus of a two-day conference that starts Friday at St. Norbert College.

"Restoring Wisconsin's Waterways" is the 12th annual conference. Hosted by the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

"We want to provide a forum for discussion on some key issues," said conference organizer Lynn Hansen. "And we thought the Fox River Valley would be a great site for our conference because it was a gateway to a lot of other topics."

Zima must pay lawyer \$4,148

By Susan Campbell
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A judge ruled that Brown County Supervisor Zima must pay \$4,148 to a Milwaukee lawyer for unpaid legal fees in a criminal case.

Michael LeBlanc called Zima had not paid him \$1,658 stemming from a civil procedure in effect. The prosecutor said Zima's actions at a Green Bay bar Dec. 13, 1996, violated a criminal justice agreement.

County Judge Judge Michael Czaplewski ruled Zima to pay \$2,777 plus \$275 in interest and filing fees. Zima's lawyer said Zima had not paid him \$1,658 stemming from a civil procedure in effect.

AROUND THE BAY

BROWN COUNTY

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ASHWAUBENON

Panel to study parking rules

A committee will be organized to study the residential parking ordinance in Ashwaubenon following complaints about cars parked on streets in the town.

GREEN BAY

No-contest plea set in hit-and-run

A 25-year-old Green Bay man announced a no-contest plea to a hit-and-run charge.

ZIMA

From B-1

Zima has acknowledged he called Jay Palumbo "fat" and "stupid" in a letter to the Grand Jurors.

DE PERE

County to mull future of fairgrounds

De Pere is considering both municipal and county options for the future of the fairgrounds.

BRANDON

'Bravo' performance by chorale, Birder

Warren Gerds presented a concert review of the Brandon Chorale's performance.

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Committee opposes arena role

Proposal to give board a say in process rejected

By Tom Choi
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Brown County Education and Recreation Committee Wednesday rejected a proposal to give the County Board a say in the arena project.

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De Pere is considering both municipal and county options for the future of the fairgrounds.

The committee will include Education and Recreation Committee Chairman Dave Hansen, Vice Chairman Kevin Kosh, Sue Ann Krueger, Pat Schilling and Bob Wipac.

The future of the fairgrounds involves both Brown County and De Pere.

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