



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting
August 18, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
Shipwreck on Castle Rock Lake***

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Peter Manley, Rick Georgeson, Jim Stewart, Mayo Ewanowski, Gerry Ganther

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Dennis Glidden, Keifer Sroka, Caleb Armstrong, Starr Ann Lemar, Shane Wucherpennig, Sarah Fleck, Dustin Ladd, Jim Markland, Bill Maschmeyer, Lisa Manzardo, Barbara Baker

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette reported the last PACRS meeting was held on July 21st at the Lester Public Library. An email was sent to members on August 1st informing members the minutes have been posted to our website and a link was attached to the email. Colette recapped notes from that meeting. A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to accept the July minutes. Steve Taylor second the motion. All in favor of accepting the July minutes, motion carried. Future meeting and agendas will be posted to our website. Thank you for visiting our website.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current bank balances. Steve provided Colette with a copy of American Bank's statement ending 7/31/23. Barbara Baker made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jim Stewart second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Conservation Reports:

Juneau County: Dustin reported on the Will Winter Field Day which was held on July 21st. Approximately 45 people attended the event. The pasture walk was on Powers Family Farm. The annual producers led conference will be held in the Dells in December. Guardians of Lake Decorah (GOLD) is hiring an intern to run their weed harvester. They have removed 150,000 pounds of weeds so far this year. A 9 Key Element Plan for the Lemonweir Watershed will be submitted to the DNR in September. The department's no-till drill has been rented out quite often this year. The drill has been used on approx. 250 acres. These are all new acres going to no-till in Juneau County with the average farm having 8-10 acres.

Wood County: Shane Wucherpennig joined us and said while he lost Caleb Armstrong to Marathon County, he hired Kenra Kunding who was executive director of Golden Sands Research and Development. They are working on the 2nd grant for Mill Creek 9Key Element Plan. The second phase starts in 2024 and the grant is for \$600,000.

DATCP has a new Innovation Grant. This grant targets a couple of new practices that farmers want to tryout. Wood County was 1 of 7 selected for a \$26,000. grant over 2 years. They will be using the grant money for buffers, living buffers established on farm land. A couple of his farmers are on board. Roth Bros is starting 60 acres of buffers.

Wood County has received MDV funds for 3 different watersheds. This is Wood County's 5th year of offering their no-till drill to rent. It is always in use. This past year it has been used on 500-600 acres. Half of the farmers that have rented the drill have purchased their own no-till drill. They have organized a Grazing Tour for September 12th at Joseph & Sandra Behlen Farm. The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm with a complimentary lunch to follow. If you would like to attend, please rsvp by 9/7/23 to 715-421-8475 or email landcons@woodcountywi.gov

Adams County: Keifer Sroka will be hosting SnapShot Day in Adams County. Volunteers will be combing Lake Petenwell's east shoreline looking for aquatic invasive species. The group will start at Petenwell County Park at 8:00 a.m. on August 19th. 3 PACRS members will be attending. The county will be receiving a DNR grant to test 22 lakes for Eurasian milfoil. The County Conservationist position has not been filled yet for the county.

Communications Report:

- Rick G attended the Golden Sands Grazing Conference in Stevens Point. PACRS was a \$500.00 sponsor for this event. Temple Grandin from the University of Colorado was the main speaker. She is an animal behaviorist. 100 people attended. The Audubon Society and DNR gave presentations.
- FOTRAC have a grazing tour on Monday, August 21st. Scott, Jim and Rick are attending.
- Pontoon and Potatoes was held on 8/17 at Castle Rock Park in Adams County. The water was too rough to go out on pontoons. The group of 30 people had good conversations and dinner was served.
- Members had a discussion regarding allowing PACRS Partners to have links from our website and to our website. Barb Baker said their tourism website has connections to partners.

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Annual Meeting September 15th 10:00 am .- 2:00 pm
Place: Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
N11385 Headquarters Rd.
Necedah, Wi

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano - Secretary