



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

1735 Archer Lane Nekoosa WI

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## ***Minutes of PACRS December 1, 2023 Monroe Center Town Hall 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.***

**Board Members In attendance:** Scott Bordeau, Peter Manley, Steve Taylor, Colette Camerano, Rick Georgeson, Mark Diedrich, Mayo Ewanowski

**Members & Guests in attendance:** Tom Camerano, Shane Wucherpennig, Kiefer Sroka, Star Ann Lemar, Dustin Ladd, Sarah Fleck, Grafton Hull, Scott Provost, Anna James (virtual)

**Call to Order:** President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Scott welcomed everyone and began the meeting with introductions from all present.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette stated the last PACRS meeting was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Center Town Hall. Minutes were posted to PACRS website on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In summary of the October minutes; Joe Sukana provided a brief history of the WI Public Service. There are 30 hydroelectric dams in the WEC Energy Group. The Federal Regulatory Commission regulates safety guidelines for our dams. Scott Bordeau gave a presentation of PACRS year-in-review. The entire presentation is posted to our website. Election of Officers: Members voted on officer positions for 2024. Scott Bordeau, President, Mayo Ewanowski, Vice President, Steve Taylor, Treasurer and Colette Camerano as Secretary. Conservation reports were given by Shane, Colton and Kyle Kettner. A motion was made and second to accept the secretary's report. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor updated members on current bank balances. Steve said the only expense in November was the state financial institution filing fee of \$25.00. Steve provided Colette with current bank statements. A motion was made and second to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion passed.

**Wisconsin River Basin Meet and Greet:** Scott Provost, WDNR, joined us to discuss a second Meet and Greet for 2024. Last year a group of about 50 people gathered at the Rome Town Hall on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Scott said the meeting was very successful and there was interest growing to do it again. There was a lot of information sharing on what do you need to be successful. What worked for your organization and what did not. Anna James will be the facilitator for the event. Scott Bordeau will see if the Rome Town Hall is available for a possible March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2024 Budget Review:** Steve Taylor and Scott Bordeau presented a draft budget for PACRS 2024. Scott discussed projected income versus actual dollars received in 2023. Colette said that PACRS membership for the most part have been steady showing little growth. Scott made mention the donations have increased year over year. After much discussion, it was suggested that a one- page letter would be put together that HOAs could use when mailing out or emailing their assessment invoices. While many of the associations themselves are PACRS members, many individuals are not. This may help grow us



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membership. Steve said interest income is increasing primarily due to moving money into a CD. The budget includes a tightening of expenses while still continuing support of our affiliates and county conservation projects. Scott would like the final budget to be approved at our January meeting.

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau has ordered the new video "Common Ground".

- Scott will be attending the Wisconsin Water and Soil Health (WWASH) conference on December 7<sup>th</sup>. PACRS is a sponsor of this event.
- The Farmers of Mill Creek will hold their 2023 Cover Crop Field Day on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Members are invited to attend. It will be held at Eron's Event Barn and then touring cover crop fields with your own transportation. Scott Bordeau will be presenting and lunch will be served.
- On February 20, 2024, there is a meeting at North Central Technical College in Wausau for lead farmers and their fiscal agents. The meeting is mandatory for producer led groups. Rick Georgeson, Mayo Ewanowski and Steve Taylor will be attending. The meeting starts at 9:00 am.

## **Conservation Reports**

### **Wood County:**

Shane Wucherpfennig said that he is planning another Central WI Farmers Profit Exposition (CWFPE) along with Anna James. A date has not been set yet. They are looking for a central location in Wood County, possibly Marshfield. Phase one of the Farmers of Mill Creek's 9Key Element Plan end on December 31, 2023. Shane reapplied this past April for phase 2 funding which was approved for another \$600K.

### **Juneau County:**

Dustin Ladd reported that renting of their no-till drill has been very successful for its first year. It was used by 25 farmers covering approximately 500 acres.

### **Adams County:**

Keifer Sroka provided an update on a couple projects he is working on. One of them is a shoreline property on the Roche -A-Cri that has lost 15 feet of shoreline in the past 10 years.

**Other:** The first Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri meeting will be held in January 17th.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Necedah Town Hall**

**101 Center Street**

**Necedah, WI.**

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano , Secretary