



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

***Minutes of PACRS
March 15, 2024
Monroe Center Town Hall
10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.***

Board Members In attendance: Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Colette Camerano, Mayo Ewanowski, Rick Georgeson, Lisa Manzardo, Gerry Ganther

Members & Guests in attendance: Dan & Diane Kane, John & Jeannie Endrizzi, Ellen Braker, Steve Braker, Jim Markland, Cathy Renner, Shane Wucherpfennig, Star Ann Lemar, Grafton Hull, Karen & Al Knotek, Bill & Nancy Maschmeyer, Heather Gayton

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 January 19th at the Necedah Town Hall. Minutes were posted to the PACRS website on January 26th. A short recap of that meeting:

- The budget for 2024 was approved.
- The 2nd annual WI River Basin will be held March 14th. PACRS donated \$500.00 for food for this event. Other donations for sponsorship were discussed and approved.
- Conservation reports were given for Wood, Juneau and Adams Counties.

A motion was made by John Endrizzi to accept the Secretary's report. Mayo Ewanowski second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor gave current balance information on our checking and savings accounts. Steve provided Colette with copies of the bank statements through February 29th. Rick Georgeson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion passed..

Kane's Sandy Ridge: Scott introduced Dan Kane. Dan is a retired licensed geologist and executive director of a conservation agency with about 40 years of professional conservation experiences. Dan and his family want to establish a conservation easement on their 435- acre property. The property is located on a tributary of the Wisconsin River and Castle Rock Lake. They have recently restored 30 acres of non-irrigated cropland to native species for pollinator habitat, facilitating groundwater recharge and improving water quality. Dan is applying to the Forest Legacy Program for funding. He needs letters of support from Quincy Township Board and Adams County Board of Supervisors. The funds are administered through the WDNR. Last



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year the Wisconsin Counties Association passed a statewide resolution requiring applicants for funding to request a resolution of support from local towns and counties where the property is located. A letter of support from PACRS would demonstrate local support for their project. John Endrizzi made a motion that PACRS support the conservation project with a letter of support. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report:

- Scott said he received a notice from WRPCO that Joe Sukana has retired as of February 1st. The power company said that lake levels will return to normal levels by the end of April.
- On February 20th, Rick, Steve and Mayo attended the DATCP meeting in Wausau. Each of the 48 farmer led councils and their fiscal agents are required to attend. There are 14 million acres of agriculture land in our state and 1 million have converted to no-till and cover crops. Every county seems to have their own unique problems.
- Wisconsin Land and Water conference was held March 6-8th in Greenbay WI. Rick attended from PACRS. There were 500 attendees. PACRS was a sponsor of this conference. Anna Mitchell and Guolong Liang gave presentation on the 14Mile Watershed efforts.
- The Wisconsin River Meet and Greet was held March 14th. There were 65 attendees, 9 from PACRS. A suggestion was made for an electronic newsletter for this group.
- April 24th is the date set for the Central Wisconsin Farmers Profitability Expo. It will be held at Mid-States Technical College. This is a one- day event. All PACRS members are invited to attend. Shane has grant money to fund this program.
- PACRS voted to spend the \$300.00 to continue our ad in the Juneau Tourism map.
- PACRS board members, via email, voted to donate \$500.00 to the Wisconsin Envirothon Day for students.
- Wisconsin Trap Shooting Association is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming tournaments at their Rome facility. A monetary donation will be donated to PACRS for the hours worked. An issue was brought up on how the association disposes of the lead on the range. Scott is to inquire if they meet the EPA standard for disposal of lead contaminates.
- Donations to Muskies Matter and Consolidated Musky Club were discussed. Rick mentioned that he has recently heard 2 comments from people that were perceived as negative. Colette will reach out to Jennifer Bergman, DNR fish biologist, and get her expert opinion. After the meeting, Jennifer responded that stocking musky in our lakes will do no harm to the other fish. Board members, via email, then voted to donate \$1,000 to each club for the stocking of fish. Scott made the motion and Jim Stewart second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Citizens Water Group of Wood County (CWG) will have a presentation and discussion at the McMillan Library on March 18th at 6:00 p.m. Topic is "The Future of Clean Drinking Water in the Central Sands.



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Conservation Reports:

Wood County:

Shane Wucherpennig said that plans for the CWFPE are moving along. The event will be held on April 24, 2024 at Mid States Technical College in WI Rapids from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be two panels. One panel producer led and the second will be farmer led. Registrations are being handled by MSTC and the event will be free to attend. To register, please go to this link <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MidState1/2024CentralWIFarmProfitabilityExpo>

Shane's department is now 4 years into the TMDL work in the Mill Creek Watershed. They were granted \$600,000 for the next four years. There are new funding (ARPA) dollars through DATCP for producer led councils. One million dollars is available for 48 producer led councils. Shane summarized that 72 counties were represented at the WI Land and Water conference. He is seeing monumental happenings that did not happen 10 years ago.

Next Meeting Date:
Friday, April 19, 2024
10:00 a.m.

The Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Ln
Nekoosa, WI. 54457

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano
Secretary