



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS 2023 Annual Member Meeting September 15, 2023 The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Board Members In attendance: Scott Bordeau, Peter Manley, Colette Camerano, Rick Georgeson, Jim Stewart, Mayo Ewanowski,

Members & Guests in attendance: Deb Biechler, Beth Bordeau, Tom Camerano, Anna James, Kyle Kettner, Brad Strobel, Al & Karen Knotek, Scott Provost, Cathy Renner, Dave & Jess Trudeau, Bill & Nancy Maschmeyer, Barb Baker, Shane Wucherpfennig, Wayne Gjersvig

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 our last annual meeting was held on September 16th, 2022 here at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. Minutes were emailed to members on October 7th and approved at our regular PACRS meeting on October 21st 2022.

Our last PACRS meeting was held August 18th at Shipwreck on Castle Rock Lake. Minutes were posted on our website August 27th. At that meeting PACRS members received updates from Juneau, Wood and Adams Counties. Steve Taylor reported on current bank balances. Several field tours were attended by PACRS members and were discussed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40. A motion was made to approve the secretary's report by Jim Stewart. Motion was second by Barbara Baker. All in favor, motion passed.

WDNR Update – Scott Provost, Water Resource Specialist:

Scott joined our meeting and discussed the growth of producer led watershed groups. To get started, a watershed needs 5 producers to start. Producers then receive agency funding assistance. Scott discussed the independent Salt Watch program. The DNR wrote a project to monitor tributaries and identify sources of salt pollution. Treated waste water does not get rid of chloride. While salt keeps Wisconsin roads safe during winter, using more salt than needed comes at a price. In Wisconsin and much of the U.S., chlorides from salt are infiltrating lakes, streams and groundwater. One teaspoon of salt is all it takes to make five gallons of water toxic for freshwater organisms. Municipalities should take snow away from the river, someplace that has a flat surface. You can call 1-800-TIP-WDNR to report violations.

Scott talked about Flowering Rush, a highly invasive plant species. Flowering rush has now been found in our lakes near or on shore. There is an approved chemical (Dycot) that can be used to treat the plant. It is a perineal plant. Scott is in the process of obtaining funding for treatment.



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Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Projects: Brad Strobel is the Wildlife Biologist at the Necedah Refuge. Brad addressed our group last year at our annual meeting. He was invited to update PACRS members what has transpired in the past year. The second phase of the Little Yellow River Restoration Project is planned to occur at the north boundary of the refuge and near the beginning of the West Branch of the LYR. This phase of the project will restore over 2 miles of the river, repair hundreds of acres of wetlands and increase the refuge's groundwater storage capacity. Brad offered to take members out into the refuge to see the work that has been done.

Election of Board Members: The nominating committee members are Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson and Colette Camerano. Rick said the following nominees have been presented for board positions. Some of these board members have served six consecutive years on the board and wish to continue serving. PACRS by-laws state the membership must approve waiving the 6 -year restriction by show of hands. Rick asked for a show of hands. All in favor, restriction waived.

- **Rick Georgeson** – A motion was made by Colette Camerano to elect Rick to serve another 2-year term. Motion was second by Barbara Baker. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Mark Diedrich** - – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Mark to serve another 2-year term. Motion was second by Scott Bordeau. All in favor, motion passed
- **Jim Stewart** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Jim to serve another 2-year term. Motion was second by Colette Camerano. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Peter Manley** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect Peter to serve another 2-year term. Motion was second by Colette Camerano. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Mayo Ewanowski** – A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to elect May to serve another 2-year term. Motion was second by Peter Manley. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Lisa Manzardo** – Scott read a brief bio about Lisa. Lisa and her husband, Tom, purchased their house on Lake Petenwell in 2021. Lisa was first introduced to PACRS when she happened to meet a board member while out with friends boating. He told Lisa about the group and gave her a pamphlet. Lisa was excited that there was a group dedicated to working on the water quality of the lake. Lisa decided she wanted to join PACRS to learn all that is being accomplished, to spread the word about this dedicated group and find out what she could do to help. A motion was made by Scott Bordeau to elect Lisa to serve a 2-year term. Mayo Ewanowski second the motion. All in favor.

Rick announced that after 12 years of board service, **Virgil Miller** has decided to step down from the board. He became a director in 2011. He has been an exceptional director and we thank him for all his years of service. Virgil will be happy just to be a member.

Other: Peter Manley discussed an email received from Rep. Scott Krug's office. AB97 will allow authorization by email notice of public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district Board business. Currently notices have to out regular mail. This will allow notification by email. Peter Manley made a motion to send Rep. Krug an email that we support AB97. Colette Camerano second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.



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Next Meeting Date:
Friday, October 20st, at 10:00 a.m.

The Monroe Township Townhall
981 County Rd. Z
Arkdale, Wi.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 noon
A complimentary lunch was served for members.
PACRS members enjoyed a tour of the restoration work by Brad Strobel

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano
Secretary