



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting March 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Bay Rest Resort – Arkdale, WI***

### **In attendance:**

**Board Members:** Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Lynda Everson, Virgil Miller, Gerry Ganther, Ron Von Haden, Rick Potter

**Members and Guests:** Tom Camerano, Larry Everson, Bob Peterson, Dennis Glidden, Dustin Ladd, John Endrizzi, Pat Oldenburg, Dave Jackson, Sam Warp Jr., Star Ann Lemar, Karin Ganther, Wayne Gjersvig, Falon French, Sarah Fleck, Shane Wucherpennig

**Call to Order:** Vice President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:07 starting with introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette recalled items from the January Meeting which was held at the Lester Public Library. The minutes were emailed to members in January. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Secretary's report. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Steve distributed the proposed 2019 budget for PACRS. He asked members to review and see if any changes need to be made. We will approve the budget at the next meeting. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Virgil Miller. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communication Report:** Scott Bordeau discussed the restaurant placemats that were distributed last year. Some restaurants continue to use them and would like them again. Romano's and Bay Rest use them every day. Gerry and Colette will contact restaurant owners to determine the need and approximate amount. Minor changes would be made to the placemats and the restaurants would get them prior to Memorial Day weekend.

The Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on April 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend all three days is \$280.00. Rick Georgeson has gone in the past. There is money in the budget for someone to attend this year. Please let Colette know if you are interested.



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John Endrizzi, PACRS member and representative of the 14 Mile Watershed, said he helped place 18 bundles of red pine into Sherwood Lake. The bundles are called “fish sticks” and create habitat for fish. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a informational meeting with Andrew Craig from the DNR on the 9 key element plan for the 14 Mile Watershed. On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, a land owner’s forum will be held at the Rome Town Hall. Buffers and fertilizers will be discussed and lunch will be served.

**TMDL Site Specific Criteria** – Patrick Oldenburg, WDNR, discussed the site specific criteria (SSC) in detail for Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes. To meet the current TMDL criteria for Petenwell Lake, there must be an 80% reduction of phosphorous from upstream waters. By adopting the recommended SSC, a 60% reduction of phosphorous would be needed. The DNR believes that the SSC would provide Lake Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes with the water quality improvement we need. The USEPA approval of the TMDL is expected on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Public hearings on the SSC will begin this summer. The TMDL will not impose new regulations on businesses. Wastewater Treatment Plants will get new numbers to comply. 50% of Wisconsin will be under a TMDL in the next few years. PACRS members are encouraged to support the WDNR in their efforts by getting involved. Members should attend public meetings at the county level and town level and ask for support for quality drinking water and surface water.

Reservoir	Existing TP Criterion (µg/L)	Recommended Site-Specific TP Criterion (µg/L)
Petenwell Flowage	40	53
Castle Rock Flowage	40	55
Lake Wisconsin	100	47

*Calculated to support recreational use by preventing excessive algae (Chlorophyll a shall not exceed 20 µg/L more than 30% of days during July 15 – Sept 15)*



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**WI Land & Water Conference:** Rick G. and Colette attended the annual conference held on March 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Geneva Resort. Matt Krueger is the WI Land and Water Executive Director. Guest Speakers were DATCP Secretary, Brad Pfaff, DNR Assistant Deputy Secretary, Todd Ambs and USDA – NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Tom Krapf. All three speakers encouraged the work of WI Land and Water as an important part of their respective agencies' resource management goals. Some take- aways from the conference are the following:

- The best means to prepare fields for our ever increasing heavy rain events is no till and cover crop. No till and cover crop can infiltrate up to 4” of rain per hour. That is the rain sinks into the ground as opposed to otherwise run off.
- Troy Pierick of Dodge County was awarded **Conservation Farm Family of the Year**. Tony attended our Healthy Soil/Healthy Water workshop held in WI Rapids in March 2016. He saw the slides of the green water at Barnum Bay and left the workshop with a desire to make a change. He set up a meeting with area Dodge County farmers, 260 of them attended and they have formed a farmer led council. Today, there are 26 farmer led councils in WI.
- **Conservation Stewart of the Year** was presented to UW Marshfield Agricultural Research Station. Jason Cavidini and Nancy Esser accepted the award.
- **Outstanding Conservation Employees**-Stephanie Egner (Washington County) and Serge Koenig (Sauk County)
- **Outstanding County Conservationist** – Kurt Calkins (Columbia County)
- **Outstanding Supervisor** – David Solin (Langlade County)

### **County Conservation Report:**

**Wood County – Shane Wucherpfennig** – Shane said Wood County has purchased a used 10 foot no till drill. Thanks to PACRS members for their support with this purchase. He is involved in ground water contamination and regional meetings are taking place regarding drinking water. The 9 Key Element Plan for the Mill Creek Watershed is finished and in the hands of the DNR and EPA for approval..

**Juneau County – Dustin Ladd** - Dustin is working with the Lake Redstone Watershed group. The county is doing a second round of water testing in private wells. The water sampling for nitrates can be done in the Wood County lab. Juneau and Adams counties have funded the lab for testing.



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**Other:**

- The PACRS Annual Meeting and Fundraiser will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Petenwell County Park Shelter.
- Conservation Day is March 27<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol in Madison.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**10:00 till 12:00 p.m.**

**Ship Wreck Bay Restaurant**  
**N7265 Schacks Rd.**  
**Mauston, WI. 53948**

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Colette Camerano,  
Secretary