



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting  
January 20, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Necedah Town Hall***

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

**Members and Guests:** Kyle Kettner, Tom Camerano, Grafton Hull, Jannah Mather, Sarah Fleck, Dustin Ladd, Ken Winters, Jim Markland, Star Ann Lemar, Shane Wucherpennig, Al & Karen Knotek

**Attending Virtually:** David Trudeau, Jeff Tapper

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

**Secretary's Report:** Colette reported the last PACRS meeting was December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lester Public Library . Minutes were emailed to members on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A summary from that meeting was the Clean Water Referendums passed in Adams and Juneau in November. PACRS is reviewing website developers. The Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability is being planned in Wood County. Farmer recognition awards were submitted for Albert Acres and Jeff Boyd. Central Sands Dairy in the Town of Armenia has closed their dairy operation on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Kyle Kettner has 10 Healthy Lakes projects being worked on. A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to accept the minutes from December. Mayo Ewanowski second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor updated members on bank balances through January 5<sup>th</sup>. Steve provided Colette with the current bank statement for her records. Amazon Smile is discontinuing their charitable donation program as of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year the donation to PACRS was \$61.00. Steve is going to remove Amazon income from our 2023 budget. The budget was passed out to members for comment. We will vote on the budget at our March meeting. A motion was made by Colette Camerano to accept the Treasurer's report. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau reported:

- PACRS was a sponsor for the Discovery Farms conference held in December. Approximately 100 people attended. PACRS was recognized at the event.

- Web developers are being reviewed. We are strongly considering Detonator. They seem to have everything we are looking for. A grant request has been submitted to Visit Rome to cover half of the expense. The new website will cost approximately \$4,000. A motion was made by Scott Bordeau to approve the website cost up to \$4000. Steve Taylor second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- The Wisconsin Land and Water Conference is March 1-3 at Chula Vista in the Dells. PACRS, in previous years has also sponsored this event. A Silver Sponsorship (\$1,000) would also give us 1 complimentary registration pass. This conference is well attended by county conservationists from all over the state and other organizations. Colette Camerano made a motion to donate \$1,000 for the conference. Mayo Ewanowski second the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Another motion was made by Colette to pay expenses for a second registrant and their hotel room. Mayo second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers 2023 Conference will be held on April 19-21<sup>st</sup>. The conference location is the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. PACRS has been a sponsor in the past. Colette made a motion to donate \$1,000 to WI Lakes for this year's conference. Rick Georgeson second the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Members are encouraged to attend. Some members expressed an interest in attending. Rick Georgeson made a motion to pay the registration fee for any PACRS member that attends. Scott Bordeau second the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Please register before March 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the early bird rate.
- Scott, Rick and Shane went to Albert Acres on January 5<sup>th</sup> to present our PACRS farmer recognition award to Albert Acres.. Dustin Albert was pleased to accept the award.
- Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo (CWFPE) is in the planning stages. The location will be at Mid States Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids. The exact date in March is still pending. Shane and the planning group made the decision that the conference will be in-person and virtual. The intended audience for this conference are farmers from our watershed. To encourage farmer attendance, the planning committee is trying to make this a no to low cost conference. Rick mentioned that these farmers are the ones that can make a difference by cover cropping and practicing no-till. The more conservation practices these producers learn and implement, the better our water quality will be. Keeping soil on the farm is key to keeping phosphorous out of our lakes. The farmer can also be more profitable by using less fuel and nutrients. Remember 1 pound of phosphorous equals 500 lbs of algae. Steve Taylor made a motion to sponsor up to \$2500 for this one day event. Colette second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- The River Alliance is an organization that provides ongoing assistance to PACRS and advises us on water and legislative issues. We received a letter from them to continue our support. Steve Taylor made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the River Alliance. Colette second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Conservation Reports:**

**Wood County:** Shane said 2022 was an extremely successful year for conservation and water quality in the county. Allbert Acres received the PACRS award for conservation. They have been practicing no-till for 7 years and cover cropping for 4 years. Shane discussed conservation practices done on their 300-400 acre farm. Mill Creek Watershed is now in year 4 of their 9 Key Element Plan. Shane needs to reapply for 2023 funds(Phase2 funds) by April. There are 3 phases over a 10-year time frame.

**Juneau County:** Dustin Ladd said the county's no-till drill is coming the end of February. The county will rent the drill to farmers to use on their farm land. The Producers of Lake Redstone are holding their Annual Winter Soil Health Workshop on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at the Baraboo Arts and Convention Center. David Brandt, is the featured speaker for the day. Juneau County has reserved \$100,000 of ARPA funds to assist county residents to install reverse osmosis systems in homes that have tested for high nitrate levels. Those residents should contact his department or the Juneau County Health department. Guardians of Lake Decorah (GOLD) is still having their No Ice Fishing Tournament at Riverside Park. Due to the mild weather the ice is not safe. They do, however, have raffle prizes and food in the tent at the park. The event is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**Adams County:** Kyle Ketter be giving a full presentation at our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Other:** PACRS member, Grafton Hull, announced he is running for Chair of Armenia Township. April 4<sup>th</sup> is election day.

Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

**The Lester Public Library**

**1157 Rome Center Dr.**

**Nekoosa, WI. 54457**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Colette Camerano - Secretary