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***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting  
March 17, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Lester Public Library – Town of Rome***

**Board Members:** Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Rick Georgeson, Mayo Ewanowski, Virgil Miller

**Members and Guests:** Kyle Kettner, Tom Camerano, Grafton Hull, Star Ann Lemar, Shane Wucherpfennig, Al & Karen Knotek, Mike & Linda Walters, Dennis Glidden, Greg Sager, Paul Ziehr, Dave Keuler, Mike Turok, Donald Tessmer, Bill & Angie Patterson, Dave Trodeau, Jackie Koll

**Call to Order:** President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette reported the last PACRS meeting was Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at the Necedah Town Hall. Minutes were emailed to members on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Colette recapped highlights from the January meeting. A motion was made by Mike Walters to accept the Secretary report. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor updated members on current deposits and expenses. He provided Colette with the current bank statement for her records. We will vote on the 2023 budget at our May meeting. A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to accept the Treasurer's report. Mayo Ewanowski second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau reported:

- PACRS was awarded a grant from Visit Rome that will cover ½ of the expense of updating our PACRS website. At the January meeting a decision was made to use Detonator for the website redesign. We received approval of our grant on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Wisconsin Land and Water conference was March 1-3 at the Chula Vista Resort. A record 518 people attended the conference. Rick and Colette used the complimentary passes given to PACRS as a sponsor for the event. The Conservation Family Farm of the year went to the Schoepp Family in Columbia County. There were plenty of break out sessions to choose from. Some sessions were technical and others were good to know such as the dugout canoes recently discovered in 25 feet of water in Lake Mendota. It was good to reconnect with others from around the state. County Conservationists and County board members across the state attend this conference.
- The Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo (CWFPE) will be held at Mid States Technical College on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is sponsored by Wood County Land and Water and PACRS. This is a one-day event to learn about conservation practices farmers can use to increase profitability and self-sufficiency while being stewards of the land. This event is free to attend but registration is required. There are 6 Producer Led Groups that are in our watershed.

- Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers 2023 Conference– April 19-21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. PACRS is a sponsor at this conference. PACRS members are encouraged to attend and PACRS will pay for your registration. At this conference, Rick Georgeson, will be awarded for “Excellence in Building Partnerships”. This award recognizes an individual who has helped an organization develop new or strengthened external relationships to benefit a lake or watershed. Rick Georgeson has led PACRS into relationships with producers and other stakeholders that are key to improving water quality. Thanks to Rick for his commitment.
- We received a sponsorship opportunity from Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development to sponsor their Grazing Workshop to be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. PACRS will receive complimentary passes for 2 members to attend. The premise of this workshop is to educate local farmers, the community and students on different landscapes in which grazing can be utilized such as native grass plantings, oak savanna and on public lands. The keynote speaker is Dr. Temple Grandin. Many people believe that proper cattle grazing can improve our water quality. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to donate \$500.00 to sponsor the event. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Rick, Colette and Tom will be attending “Common Ground” hosted by EPPIC on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an evening of celebrating conservation efforts and networking.
- 14Mile Watershed Alliance will have their annual State-Of-Our-Lakes on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Rome Hall.

**14Mile Watershed Update:** Kyle Ketter, Watershed Coordinator , Adams County Land and Water Division updated members on the watershed goals and objectives for 2022. The 9 Key Element Plan was completed in August 2018 and in November 2021, Adams County hired Kyle as the full time Watershed Coordinator for the 14Mile Watershed. This watershed takes in Portage, Adams and parts of Wood County. The 9KEP includes surface and groundwater. Kyle discussed the watershed goals and management objectives for 2022. The watershed plan focuses on developing relationships and gaining a better understanding of the situation on the ground. Kyle’s entire presentation can be found on PACRS website.

**Other:** Colette said the board, by email, voted to approve a \$500.00 donation to Wisconsin Envirothon. This is a program for high school-aged students that teaches environmental problem-solving .

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**  
**May 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.**  
**The Necedah Town Hall**  
**101 Center Street Necedah, WI 54646**  
**Nekoosa, WI. 54457**

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Colette Camerano - Secretary