



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting October 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Romano's Pizza - Nekoosa

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Steve Taylor, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Virgil Miller, Jim Murphy, Rick Potter and Lynda Everson

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Grafton Hull, Jannah Mather, Tom & Lydia Thomas, Shane Wucherpennig, Mayo Ewanowski, Wally Sedlar, Eric Edwards, John Endrizzi, David Preston, Robert Toetz, Shari Grass-Redfox, Gene Bader, Vern Leis, Wayne Gjersvig,

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:08 with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette read highlights from our Annual Meeting that was held at Petenwell County Park on September 9, 2017. Two members, Joe Stuchlak & Jim Stewart were elected to the Board of Directors. Minutes were mailed and emailed to members shortly thereafter. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to approve the Secretary's report. Jannah Mather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor provided the current balances in our savings and checking accounts. Steve filed the annual report with the State and paid the filing fee of \$10.00. Lynda Everson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Potter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communications Report:- Scott Bordeau reported that he will be updating the website during the winter months.

Election of Officers: Lynda Everson nominated Rick Georgeson for President, Scott Bordeau for Vice President, Steve Taylor for Treasurer and Colette Camerano for Secretary. Rick asked if there were any other nominations. None were presented. Lynda Everson made a motion to accept the nominees as presented. Jannah Mather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Fundraiser Report: Jim Murphy thanked everyone for their participation in the fundraiser. The entertainer, Brad Palmer, was very good. C.I.S.S. catering provided a wonderful chicken lunch. We had 37 raffle baskets in addition to the strip cards that had guided fishing trips and golf packages. There were a few cards that were not completely sold. Jim passed the cards around the meeting for purchase and the winners were announced. The event raised \$3585.00 after expenses were paid. .

Central Sands Water Walk: Colette Camerano reported on the Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation (CWNF) water walk held on September 16th. The walk began with a sunrise ceremony at the Adams County Beach on Lake Arrowhead. The walk was 10 miles long and ended with a traditional Native



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American Feast at the Rome Town hall. The purpose of the walk is to bring awareness of the importance of water in our lives and how we all need to work together to preserve fresh clean water. CWNF is a local charity foundation based in the Town of Rome. The group has always included Lake Petenwell as a stop in their walk. Colette felt PACRS should make a donation to CWNF. Jim Murphy made a motion to donate \$500.00 to CWNF. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Sand Valley Restoration: Gene Bader, Executive Director for the Sand Valley Restoration Trust joined our meeting to discuss restoration efforts of the 7,000 acre property in Rome. The restoration project, when completed, is not only for the golfers of Sand Valley Golf Resort, but for the Central Wisconsin community. The project is to bring back the native plants and reduce the invasive species. The land will be used for camping, public hiking and biking trails for summer use. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months. No restoration land will be used for golf purposes. They want to work in concert with local people on a town garden. ATVs and hunting will not be allowed. Jen Jensen, Professional Ecologist is working with the trust on planning the development of the land. Wally Sedlar said there was a concern with storm water runoff that his department is addressing with Sand Valley.

New People Environmental Summit: Rick Potter and Mark Diedrich attended the New People Environmental Summit held October 14th that was organized by David Gorski. PACRS had a table and Mark passed out brochures and talked with people that attended. Approximately 100 people were present. Rick Potter said there were four good speakers that focused on Native American Environmental issues. Clean Green Action was a sponsor.

Wisconsin Land and Water Conference: Rick Georgeson attended this conference at Elkhart Lake October 16th & 17th. The conference had separate sessions depending on the attendee's interest; ground water quality, ground water quantity and groundwater pumping. The conference brings all parties together to understand the water issues to move forward.

Farmer Recognition Award: A committee was formed at our August meeting to gather ideas on how PACRS could recognize farmers that practice good conservation. The committee (Scott, Chris, Jannah, Lydia and Colette) thought a sign recognizing the farmer for their conservation efforts could be installed on the farmer's property. Jannah passed around a rough illustration of what the committee is recommending. After feedback from members, it was decided we will work with a sign company and the goal is to have signs that could be presented at the Healthy Soil Healthy Water conference next year. Based on conservation criteria, we would award at least one farmer in each of our 3 counties per year. We may be able to select 2 farmers per county depending on the cost of the signs. Rick Potter made a motion to spend up to \$1500.00 for signs. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Shane and Wally thought this was a good idea and farmers would appreciate receiving the award that recognizes them for conservation.

County Conservation Report:

Adams County: Wally Sedlar, Land and Water Conservationist, reported that he has been very active in the Tri Lakes area analyzing chemistry and flow data. Many of the lake front homes are older and have septic issues. He is doing more sampling on 14 mile creek. Wallendal Farms in Grand Marsh is celebrating 50 years as a family farm with a community celebration on Saturday, October 21st. Everyone is welcome to attend. Wally will be speaking on Nutrient Management Plans.



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Wood County: Shane Wucherpennig, Land and Water Conservationist, reported the Farmers of Mill Creek and the Friends of Mill Creek Farmers have applied for a 3rd grant. More farmer involvement in no till and cover crop in his county. Farmers are able to reduce phosphorous to 1 pound per acre when they use cover crops. Remember one pound of phosphorous in our water will produce 500 pounds of algae.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. to Noon
Northern Bay Island Restaurant
1844 20th Ave.
Arkdale, WI. 54613

Meeting adjourned 12:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,
Secretary