



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting April 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Splash Waterfront Bar & Grill – Friendship, WI***

**In attendance:** Rick Georgeson, Steve Taylor, Scott Bordeau, Colette & Tom Camerano, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Wally Sedlar, Lydia & Tom Thomas, Gail Rollins, Ron Von Haden, Dennis & Carolyn Glidden, Curtis Frost, Wayne Gjersvig, Jim Murphy, Mayo & Dave Ewanowski, Steve Schmidt, Jim Will, Allen Seykora, Gerry Ganther, Betty Bertram, Rick Potter, Darrin Johnson, Joe Sukana, Shane Wucherpfennig, Laura Hook, Ginny Wilbrandt and Laura Hook

**Call to Order:** President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:05 with introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette Camerano distributed March 2016 Minutes by email and regular mail. A good portion of the March meeting discussed the success of the Healthy Soil / Healthy Water Workshop held at Mid States Technical College in February. The March minutes contain a link to the presentations made that day. Ron Von Haden made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor provided an update on current bank balances. West Bend Insurance (liability insurance) and Project 42 (window clings) invoices were paid in the past month. Deposits of \$661.00 were added for memberships paid. Virgil Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Jim Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communication Report:** Scott Bordeau indicated that our web site does need to be updated with initiatives that PACRS worked on in 2015 and what we are doing in 2016. A lot of the information is now dated and the web sites should be updated before seeking out new members. Colette and Scott will work on the content that should be posted. Jim Will offered assistance. Colette gave an update on current member renewals. Big Bay Homeowners Association will be encouraging individual memberships to PACRS in their next newsletter. .

**PACRS Apparel / T Shirts / Caps:** Colette Camerano announced that short sleeve t-shirts are now for sale. The t-shirts are \$15.00 each, same as our cap. Shirts are available in light blue and grey but we can order other colors. 2X and 3X shirts will be \$18.00. We have an order form that will be sent with our meeting minutes. Members can complete the order form and mail their checks in. We can also place the order form on our web site. Orders will be processed on meeting days. An additional fee will be required for orders being shipped.

**Wisconsin Lakes Convention:** Wally Sedlar and Rick Georgeson attended the "invitation only" lake convention event held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The lake conference was attended by 600 + people from all over the state. Wally gave a presentation on Mason Lake. Rick participated in a session with Eric Olson on System Thinking – a look at the big picture.



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### **Land and Water Conservation Reports:**

**Shane Wucherpennig (Wood County)** commented on the Healthy Soil Healthy Water Workshop that was held in his county. He felt a diverse group of people attended and they had fantastic presenters. The object of the workshop is to get networking going among the groups. 138 people attended and 50% were dairy producers. Ray Archuleta extended his stay another day and met with young dairy farmers. Good things are happening in the Mill Creek Watershed with cover crops. The runoff rate is what causes water problems. A farmer in Junction City is leading a farmer led council. Grants are available for cover crop in Mill Creek Watershed from the DNR. No till farming is emphasized whereby 25% of the soil will retain nutrients and moisture for the next year. Natural bugs will also take care of the soils. Ray Archuleta's message is that farmers have to bring a healthy balance back into the soil. You have to give no-till time. It will take 3 – 5 years to condition the soil. Farmers are encouraged to go in slow, not change the entire farm from the start. The overall benefits of no till will change the farmer's minds. Farmers know how to share information. For instance, in the town of Lincoln, a group of 10 farmers have done no till for over 10 years. It takes Mother Nature 500 years to produce 1 inch of soil. Two years of mismanagement can take it away.

**Wally Sedlar (Adams County)** commented that he presented his Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) to Shane's group in Wood County. Wally gave PACRS members this presentation at our meeting last November.

Joe Stuchlak resigned as Adams County Land and Water Chairman in March.

Golden Sands has open positions for the Clean Boats Clean Water program. The position on Castle Rock Lake is filled. They are still hiring for Lake Petenwell and Tri Lakes area. Adams County is having their tree sale April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the county fairgrounds. Please check their web site for hours. Hours on Saturday are only 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Wally will be holding a conservation education for kids day on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Castle Rock Park. This program has been an annual event for the county. Pancakes are served to the kids that attend. Cooks are needed! PACRS members, Colette & Tom Camerano and Mark Diedrich raised their hands to help.

**PACRS 2016 Fundraiser Discussion:** Jim Murphy is leading the fundraising committee. Jim feels we need to start the process now so we are more organized and there is a greater awareness. Everyone would like Dan Soma to return as our entertainer. Dan did a great job last year. Rick will check with Dan on his availability for a Sunday afternoon. Once we have confirmed Dan's availability we will coordinate, hopefully, a return to Petenwell County Park where the event was held last year. We will also see if we can get the same caterer, CIS Catering. The fundraiser will have raffles for baskets and other items. Also under consideration is one large raffle with a grand prize. Jim will take the lead on getting the guided fishing trips. Kelly Dorsey volunteered to help with the raffle baskets. Laura Hook joined our committee. Laura's experience as Executive Director, Adams County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, will help us promote our event. We use Constant Contact to email our newsletters. Once we have a date confirmed we can use Constant Contact's event feature for RSVP. We will announce that while an RSVP is appreciated it is not required. The event feature will help us plan for the amount of food and beverage that we will need.



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**Central Sands Water Action Coalition:** Rick said that PACRS has received an invitation to join the Central Sands Water Action Coalition. The Coalition is organized to advocate for the protection and sustainable use of ground and surface waters of the Central Sands. Members are organizations or associations with similar interest. There is no fee but a strong pledge of commitment by the organization appears to be required. Rick was not familiar with the group. The board members asked if a representative from the coalition can present at a PACRS meeting. Rick will see if someone is available for our next meeting.

**Petenwell Castlerock EPA Model Report:** On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, RTI International and LimnoTech International will hold a meeting at the DNR SCR Service Center in Fitchburg, WI regarding the development of CE-QUAL-W2 Reservoir model of Castle Rock and Petenwell Reservoirs. This will be a technical discussion with the DNR. Once the models are handed off to WDNR, the WR TMDL modeling team will review, and if warranted, further refine and improve the models to achieve the best possible representation of the reservoir system for the TMDL. Rick has asked Ann Hirekatur, WR TMDL Project Manager, to attend our next meeting and discuss the results in a non-technical language so that all our members can participate in the discussion.

**Clean Boats Clean Water:** At previous meetings we discussed providing a “give away” to boaters and fishermen that listen to the Clean Boats Clean Water message. The items would be handed out by the CBCW representative at the boat launch. While the representatives in the past have talked with over 1,000 boaters we thought we would get 500 items and when they are gone they are gone. Colette introduced an oval floater key tag that we could purchase imprinted with our web site for \$0.89 cents. Virgil made a motion to purchase 500 key tags. Jim Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 20th  
10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Northern Bay Island View Pub  
1844 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Arkdale, WI. 54613**

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,  
Secretary