



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Northern Bay Island View Pub – Arkdale, WI

In attendance: Rick Georgeson, Steve Taylor, Colette & Tom Camerano, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Gail Rollins, Ron Von Haden, Wayne Gjersvig, Jim Murphy, Gerry and Karin Ganther, Joe Sukana, Shane Wucherpfennig, John Endrizzi, Arnie and Marty Wilke, Reesa Evans, Larry Everson, Ann Hirekatur, Jes Roloff, Mike Stevens

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

Secretary's Report: Colette Camerano distributed April 2016 Minutes by email and regular mail. A good portion of the April meeting discussed ideas for the 2016 fundraiser. 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. Deposits of \$1096.00 were received from membership and apparel sales. The first payment of \$1333.00 was paid out for our participation to the Clean Boats Clean Water program. Eagle Promotion was paid \$380.00 for t-shirts. A generous donation of \$300.00 was received from Barnum Bay Yacht Club. Virgil Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Ron Von Haden seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau and Mike Coke were not present. Rick discussed website matters and ways to keep our website current. Colette expressed an interest in helping out but felt training was essential. Ron Von Haden made a motion to reimburse Colette up to \$200.00 to cover website training. Jim Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. .

PACRS Apparel / T Shirts / Caps: Colette Camerano stated that orders for caps and t-shirts have been received, filled and mailed to members. The t-shirts are available in sand, white, grey and ice blue. Order forms will be sent out with our meeting minutes. 500 keytainers have been ordered to be distributed by the boat inspectors for the Clean Boats program. The keytainers are yellow with blue font inscribed with "Improving Water Quality Together" Join Us! PACRS.org

PACRS 2016 Fundraiser Discussion: Jim Murphy announced that Sunday, September 11th has been set as the date for the fundraiser. We will be going back to Petenwell County Park. Dan Soma has generously agreed to be our entertainer again this year. We are expecting to use the same caterer. The food last year was really great. A show of hands indicated support to have a shortened Annual Meeting (which will include election of directors and officers) prior to the fundraiser. Combining the events will make it easier for members to attend one event in September. A summary of the year's events will be given at our regular meeting in October or November.



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Healthy Soil / Healthy Water Committee: Ann Hirekatur was the leader in organizing the conference attended by 130 registrants, half of which were agriculture producers. Ann is also the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project manager. The workshop was considered successful and all representatives worked together that day with no finger pointing. John Erin, a producer from Junction City will have an open house on his farm June 25th. PACRS members are invited to attend the event. John leads a farmer led council in his watershed. 100 acres of his farmland is no till.

Land Water Conservation Report:

Shane Wucherpennig (Wood County) Shane commented that Wood County has received a grant from the Farm Bureau to order and distribute curriculum materials for 4th and 5th graders on conservation. There was a Wood County Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 17th. Lots of citizens showed up for the meeting to discuss groundwater. Wood County has not been pro-active in zoning. Citizens are protesting Wysocki's CAFO for the Town of Saratoga. Shane has a new intern in his department. Russ Feingold visited with Shane earlier in the week to discuss water quality issues.

Reesa Evans (Adams County) Reesa thanked the PACRS for their participation in their Kid's Day Conservation Program held on May 5th at Castle Rock County Park. They had 104 kids attend the event and hope to make this a regular event. PACRS members, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Colette and Tom Camerano were on hand to guide kids to their next session and cooking / serving pancakes for lunch. The kids enjoyed the sessions. A Clean Boat Clean Water inspector still needs to be hired for Lake Petenwell. The Job requires only 16 hours per week. Boat inspectors are to start Memorial Day weekend.

Petenwell Castle Rock EPA Model Report – Ann Hirekatur attended a technical meeting on April 20th regarding the TMDL monitoring on Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes. Goal of the TMDL is to reduce pollutants (phosphorous) from entering the Wisconsin River watershed. The CE-QUAL-W2 model for Petenwell and Castle Rock reservoirs was driven by the amount of flow going into each reservoir as well as the amount of flow being discharged from each reservoir. The model is a computer simulation describing the behavior of the interconnected system. Total phosphorous concentration on Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes average 75 – 120 (jug/l). To achieve water quality we have to be at 40 (jug/l). So there is a lot of work to be done.

Central Sands Water Action Coalition: 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. Arnie and Marty Wilke joined us from the coalition to tell us more about why they were formed. The goal of CSWAC is to advance sustainable groundwater policies in a six county region in Central Wisconsin. The reason the coalition was formed is because proliferating high capacity well use in the region has caused a growing number of lakes, streams and wetlands to become dry or nearly dry to excessive pumping. The vast majority of the new wells in the region are being used by potato and vegetable industry which is in a period of aggressive expansion. CSWAC also understands the DNR needs to play a lead role in the management of groundwater in Wisconsin and should be encouraged to constantly evaluate the success of their management strategies and adapt accordingly.



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CSWAC advocates for the fair use of water resources among the diverse interests that live in the region. The mistaken belief that there is an unlimited supply of water in the Central Sands region has led to irresponsible use of the resource. They believe that smart, science- driven decision-making can guarantee that there is enough water for everyone. The central sands had 2374 active high capacity wells listed in the WDNR database as of October 2015, mostly in Portage, Waushara and Adams Counties. PACRS board members are encouraged to visit their website. We will be voting whether to join them at our next meeting in June. <http://centralsandswater.org/>

Central WI Nature Foundation: The “Mother Earth Water Walk” was created by two Anishinawbe Grandmothers who started action regarding water issues by walking the perimeter of the Great Lakes. Their goal is to raise awareness of the importance of preserving our water quality and quantity and helping people recognize that water is life. On Saturday, September 17th, people from lakes throughout Adams County and Central Wisconsin have volunteered to walk together from Lake Camelot to Lake Petenwell to bring home these messages. This is meant to be a spiritual celebration of water and nature. The ceremony will start at the dam in the Town of Rome between Lakes Camelot and Sherwood, along King Way. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. The walk ends at the beach of Barnum Bay, on Petenwell Lake for a mixing of waters and closing ceremony. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to participate. More information will be made available as we receive it.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, June 17th
10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Lane
Nekoosa, WI. 54457**

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,
Secretary