



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Northern Bay Island View Restaurant – Arkdale, WI***

**In attendance:** Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Colette & Tom Camerano, Wayne Gjersvig, Paul Pisellini, Wally Sedlar, Jim Stewart, Larry & Lynda Everson, Mike Coke, Jim Will, Ron Von Haden, Jim Murphy, Bob Benkowski, Don Ystad, Mike Stevens, Shane Wucherpfennig, Greg Lowe, Curtis Frost, Jes Roloff, Ann Hirekature

**Call to Order:** President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:15 with introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette Camerano distributed July 2016 minutes by email and regular mail. At that meeting, John Eron, lead farmer in the Farmers of Mill Creek spoke to the members and described the conservation practices done on his farm. Jim Murphy made a motion to approve the July minutes. Ron Von Haden seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Our annual meeting was held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were distributed by email and regular mail. Wayne Gjersvig has stepped down from the board after serving six consecutive years. Rick Potter was voted in as a new board member. Colette Camerano, Lynda Everson, Scott Bordeau and Steve Taylor were voted to serve another two years. . Lynda Everson made a motion to approve the September minutes. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor provided the financial update on current bank balances. The final payment of \$1333.00 was made for the Clean Boats Clean Water program. Steve filed the annual report with the state of Wisconsin. A motion was made by Colette to approve the treasurer's report. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communication Report:** Scott Bordeau gave a report on communications. July and August minutes have not been posted to our web site. July minutes were just approved at this meeting. Colette indicated that August was not a regular PACRS meeting but she did take notes. It was a Pontoons and Farmers meeting with the area farmers. Scott indicated that several news reporters wrote articles about the event. Colette will share the notes taken that day with the board and if they are approved, we will post them. Scott will post the next meeting on our website calendar.

**Election of Officers:** Lynda Everson presented a slate of board members to serve in the officer positions for the next year. She nominated Rick Georgeson for President, Scott Bordeau as Vice President, Steve Taylor as Treasurer and Colette Camerano as Secretary. These board members currently serve in those positions. Members were asked if there are any other nominations. A motion was made by Curtis Frost to close the nominations. Jim Murphy made a motion to accept the nominees presented. Ron Von Haden seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.



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**Fundraiser Report:** Jim Murphy reported the 2016 event was our second successful fundraiser. Income after expenses was \$2564.00. Jim said there were a lot of people behind the scene that made the event a success. Special thanks to CISS Catering, Dan Soma and Kelly Dorsey. Jim wanted to compensate Dan and Kelly for their time and effort. Kelly had numerous hours and used her own money putting together the raffle baskets. Dan received \$75.00 in tips from people that day. Last year, PACRS sent Dan a check for \$100.00 for his entertainment. Ron Von Haden made a motion to send Dan and Kelly \$100.00 each to express our thanks. Colette seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Steve will send Dan a check and Colette will purchase a Visa \$100.00 gift card for Kelly. A note will be written to Kelly expressing our appreciation for all that she has done for us.

**Adams County Lake Position:** Wally Sedlar reported on the Adams county lake technician position. This position, previously, had been partially funded by the DNR. The 2017 grant for funding the position has been denied by the DNR. Adams county will be increasing their budget \$37,000 to keep a position that will focus on the entire watershed. The county has funds available for 2017 but 2018 needs to be addressed. Curtis Frost indicated that preliminary work has been (TMDL) done on the lake problems. The studies should focus on how to solve them. Rick said Adams County has had a lake technician position for 12 years and there has always been some soft money available to fund it. Now, the funding is no longer available. Wally is researching other options for funding the position. The “Conservation Specialist” position in Wood County is 100% funded by the county.

**TMDL Presentation:** Ann Hirekatur, DNR, TMDL Project Manager, brought us up-to-date on the latest information on the TMDL modeling. Her presentation started analyzing phosphorous generated above Rhinelander all the way down the Wisconsin River. She discussed the watershed in sections, how the land is used and the sources of phosphorous. The TMDL indicates there needs to be a 55% reduction in phosphorous. Shane Wucherpfenning commented that there are conservation champions in Mill Creek. There is a peaked interest in producers to adopt best management practices to reduce phosphorous.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 2, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Heartland Farms  
907 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Hancock, WI. 54943**

Meeting adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,  
Secretary