



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Meeting May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Splash Waterfront Bar & Grill

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Virgil Miller, Rick Potter, Jim Murphy

Members and Guests: Curtis Frost, Jannah Mather, Lisa Schenk, Tom & Lydia Thomas, John Endrizzi, Wayne Gjersvig, Matt Komiskey, Kason Marley, Chuck Sibilsky, Peter Manley, Patt & Paul Pisellini

Call to Order: President Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Colette Camerano, Secretary, was not available. Previous meeting notes were emailed on April 30th and mailed on May 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor provided current balances in our savings and checking and PACRS has received the \$2800.00 from Thrivent. Jim Murphy moved to approved treasurer's report and Scott Bordeau seconded. Motion passed. PACRS was accepted as an authorized organization for the Thrivent Choice Dollars program earlier this year. It was suggested that thank you cards be sent to those who donated.

Communication Committee Update: Scott Bordeau reported that he brought 10,000 placemats which were divided among those who volunteered to distribute to local taverns and restaurants.

He also discussed the 14-Mile Watershed Workshop which will be on Saturday, May 26.

Wisconsin Lakes Conference: Rick Georgeson stated the conference was put on jointly by the DNR, Wisconsin Lakes Assoc. and the U/W Extension. 600 people attended. It was held in Stevens Point. Rick spoke highly about the conference and said it focused on building relationships among different factions. Dr. Paul McGinley talked about 30" of rain. 20" of rain will infiltrate the soil and 10" results in runoff. John Endrizzi attended a water sampling workshop and talked about the effectiveness of seeing the rainfall simulator in action.

TMDL Update: Pat Oldenburg provided an email of the current status of the TMDL. The DNR is addressing public comments received. Pat is preparing the statement of scope for the next draft for the public. They will gather comments throughout the summer. 60 DNR members will be involved with the TMDL implementation. Final draft of the TMDL will be submitted to the EPA in the September time frame. One factory accounts for 25% of the 40% of the point source of phosphorous. Representative Scott Krug and Senator Patrick Testin are trying to get dollars in the budget to help the factory become compliant.



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2018 Fundraiser: Jim Murphy reported that the event will be on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Pavilion at Petenwell Park. Food will be catered by Chatterbox Caterers. Our cost will be \$7.00 per plate. We have charged \$10.00 per plate in previous years. Theme for the fund raiser is no-till soil. Jannah Mather and Lisa Schenk volunteered to assist.

County Conservation Dept. Update: The county conservation managers gave reports. Chuck Sibilsky reported for Adams County. Retired Lake Specialist, Reesa Evans, is working on the 9 key element plan for the county. The county is also reaching out to beach clubs on Tri Lakes to reduce runoff. Matt Komiskey reported that 107 water test applications were submitted in Juneau County and surrounding areas, and these will be tested on-site at those residences on May 30. This was an excellent response. Discovery Farms may be doing monitoring on the edge of a field.

Other:

Scott Bordeau discussed the need for projects to be "in progress" so that when donations are solicited, the donators know they are supporting specific activities. Scott, Jannah Mather and Chris Turok will talk about a project list for future PACRS activities.

It was noted that John Eron held an event in his barn recently. 800 people were in attendance. This level of interest is very encouraging.

Pontoons and Politics: It is important to continue to get politicians on the water to see the water quality concerns first-hand. We will also invite county board members. The date will be August 17. Gerry and Grafton will make requests to get information about use of the large pontoon from the Dirty Turtle for that day.

Rick Potter passed out door hangers promoting protection of the bee population.

NEXT MEETING: June 22nd – 10:00 at the Lure.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jannah Mather, substituting for Colette Camerano