



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Meeting June 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar & Grill***

### **In attendance:**

**Board Members:** Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Colette Camerano, Virgil Miller, Rick Potter, Jim Murphy, Lynda Everson, Joe Stuchlak, Mark Diedrich, Jim Stewart

**Members and Guests:** Lisa Schenk, Tom & Lydia Thomas, Paul Pisellini, Adam Liebersbach, Reesa Evans, Bill Bittner, Gerry Ganther, Mayo Ewanowski

**Call to Order:** President Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette Camerano thanked Janna Mather for taking the minutes at the May meeting held at Splash. Minutes were emailed and mailed to members in early June. Lynda Everson made a motion to approve the May minutes. Jim Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor provided current balances in our savings and checking accounts. Steve announced that PACRS has received a donation of \$1961.12 from the Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group. We were informed earlier this year that the advisory group would be dis-banning and their remaining funds may be donated to PACRS. Colette will send a thank you. Rick G. announced the Barnum Bay Yacht Club also donated \$300.00. Colette has already sent them a thank you. Colette Camerano made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communication Committee Update:** Scott Bordeau reported that minutes are posted to the website as soon as he receives them. Scott has 5,000 placemats to be delivered when restaurants need them. PACRS has 500 likes on FaceBook.

Joe Stuchlak said Muskies Matter also has 500 likes also on FaceBook. Muskies Matters held a fishing tournament the previous week; 33 boats participated and launched from Mays Point and Michaels Landing on Castle Rock Lake. 3 legal muskies (34" inches were caught). Muskies must be 50" to keep. July 21<sup>st</sup> the group is holding a "Learn to Fish" day at Riverside Park in Mauston from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Rick G. has had conversation with a representative from Lake Redstone. They are interested in the work PACRS has done with farmers as they would like to do something in their area.

**Farmers of Mill Creek Field Days:** The field day trip was held on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at John Eron's Event Barn. Rick attended with seven other PACRS members. There were approximately 60 people that attended and about ½ were farmers. Senator Patrick Testin and Assembly Representative Nancy



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VanderMeer were among the guests. Patrick Oldenburg, Manager, for the Wisconsin River TMDL, also attended to see and hear what the farmers are doing to protect their soil. Dealers brought in equipment. There was a demo for inter-seeding cover crops. Rick G had good conversation with the area farmers and everyone is positive and encouraging. Seed planters purchased after 1990 can be converted to no till planters. Scott Boreau, Jannah Mather and Chris Turok are collectively talking about how PACRS may be able to help farmers in need with their conservation efforts.

**Pontoons and Politics:** Our Pontoon and Politics will be held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Gerry Ganther has reserved the Germantown Hall for a morning meeting. He has given a deposit for the Cruising Turtle at the Dirty Turtle from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The boat will hold 50 people. Gerry will arrange the Dirty Turtle to provide catering for 50 people. We will have a donation jar for those that would like to donate to the cost of their lunch.

We discussed what groups of people we would like to have join us for the day. Members volunteered to reach out to the DNR, DATCP, Department of Tourism, the Chairman of Juneau, Wood, Marathon and Portage Land and Water Committees, Chairman of the Towns that border our lakes and state senators and assembly representatives. Rick G will work on the morning speakers.

**2018 Fundraiser:** Jim Murphy reported the date is set as Saturday, September 22 at Petenwell Park and we have a caterer. We are still in need of a music entertainer. If you know of somehow that might want to play music for a few hours Saturday afternoon, please let us know. Members discussed if there was a particular topic we would be raising funds for. It was decided it was best to keep it general. Our flyers and advertisement will say "Every penny raised supports projects to improve the water quality and fisheries in our lakes.

**TMDL Update:** Rick received an email from Pat Oldenburg. Pat's efforts have been focused on the next draft of the TMDL report and working on the site-specific criteria for Petenwell, Castle Rock and Lake Wisconsin. They will be meeting with the Natural Resource Board on June 27<sup>th</sup> to request approval of the Statement of Scope, get conditional approval for a public hearing notice and notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the DNR presented the TMDL and supporting site-specific criteria information to the Lake Wisconsin Alliance. They had a lot of good questions, not only about how we came up with the numbers, but how we turn those numbers into reality by making changes on the landscape.

### **County Conservation Reports:**

**Wood County -** Shane Wucherpennig was not present but supplied Rick an email of what he has been working on for the 2Q of 2018. Shane has been very busy. A few of the items he is working on are:

- The 9 key element plan for the Mill Creek Watershed. This plans need to be completed by late September for DNR and EPA approval.
- In May, Shane hosted a Discovery Farms Field Edge Monitoring site meeting in Mill Creek with Jim Coenen Farm by Rudolph WI.
- Shane attended 2018 Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point.



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- Attended Friends of Mill Creek Annual meeting and gave a presentation on the TMDL's & 9 key plans.
- Shane has ½ of the funds needed for the no-till drill. He is looking for any new resources that may be willing to donate. If anyone has any ideas please let Shane or Rick G know so they can follow up. They would really like to have a drill by fall.

**Adams County-** Chuck Sibilsky was not present for today's meeting. Reesa Evans, who retired last year from Adam's County, was asked to write the 9 key element plan for the county. A job description has been posted for Wally Sedlar's position.

**Juneau County –** Matt Komiskey was not present for today's meeting. Matt supplied Colette with a press release dated June 15, 2018 regarding high nitrates in private drinking wells. Wood and Juneau County Health and Land and Water Resource Departments are working to ensure that all citizens have a source of safe, clean drinking water. High nitrate levels have been found in private drinking water wells of some of the residents near Armenia Township. "So far, we have found that 41% of the total wells tested had nitrate levels above the groundwater standard," said Juneau County Health Officer Barb Theis. If you would like a copy of this press release, please contact PACRS Secretary, Colette for a copy. The EPA also drilled 41 water samples around the Town of Armenia.

**Other:** Joe Stuchlak is a PACRS board member and President of the local Muskies Matter Inc. Muskies Matters is looking for funds for pit tag readers and pit tags. Pit tags are very small chips that are put under the skin of fish. The reader is used when a fish is caught and the readers will scan the fish for a tag. If the fish has a pit tag a number will be shown and then his group can go to a website enter the number and receive data on the fish. This will be valuable information not only to his group but also the DNR. Date, length of fish, weight, date of stocking etc will all be shared with the DNR. Pit tag readers are \$250.00 each and pit tags are \$2.00 each. Muskies Matter would like to purchase (2) pit tag readers and 250 tags for the fish they stock this fall. Paul Pisellini made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the group for purchase of the readers and tags. Reesa Evans seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Joe Stuchlak abstained from voting.

**NEXT MEETING: July 20th – 10:00 at the Lure.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colette Camerano  
PACRS Secretary