



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting October 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Romano's Pizza - Nekoosa***

### **In attendance:**

**Board Members:** Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Joe Stuchlak, Lynda Everson, Rick Potter, Mark Diedrich, Gerry Ganther

**Members and Guests:** Tom Camerano, Larry Everson, Bob Peterson, Matt Komiskey, Dustin Ladd, Megan Steckelberg, Sam Peterson, Paul Pisellini, John Endrizzi, Dave Jackson, Peter Manley

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

**Secretary's Report:** Colette read parts of the minutes from the last PACRS meeting held in July 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Lure Bar and Grill. The minutes were emailed and mailed to members the end of July. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Secretary's report. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor reported on current checking and saving balances. Steve reported the income from the fundraiser was \$5422. Steve paid the annual Wisconsin filing fee of \$10.00. Joe Stuchlak made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communication Report:** Scott Bordeau reported that he has updated our website with upcoming events for November and December. There is a Pasture Walk on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Milladore, WI. The Farmers of Mill Creek will have their Fall Field Crop tour on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Although this event is free, registration is required if you plan to attend.

**Election of Officers:** The current officers, Rick Georgeson (President) Scott Bordeau (Vice President) Steve Taylor (Treasurer) and Colette Camerano (Secretary) stated they would be willing to serve another year in their current positions. Rick Potter made a motion to have the current officers serve another year. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**PACRS Fundraiser:** Jim Murphy could not attend today's meeting. Colette stated that PACRS (once again) had exceptional weather on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. After expenses, we raised \$3940, up 10% over last year. Our expenses were also greater this year. We had 48 baskets that were in the raffle. Each basket had an average value of \$75.00. Baskets that were not claimed on site were later distributed by PACRS directors. Thanks to everyone that worked to make this a success! Thank you to our donors who made a contribution.



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**Central Sands Water Walk:** Colette provided an update the Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation Water Walk held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the third year the foundation has held a water walk. This walk was approximately 8 miles. This is a spiritual event that starts with a sunrise ceremony on the shoreline led by an Anishinawbe Medicine Woman, walk and then a Native American traditional feast at the Rome Town Hall. The walk is to raise awareness of how important water is in our lives. There is no charge to participate but donations are accepted. There were 100 walkers this year. PACRS restaurant placemats advertised the walk. Colette asked for PACRS to make a \$500.00 donation to Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation to help with the walk expenses. Lynda Everson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to CWNF. Mark Diedrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Farmer Recognition Award:** Colette discussed this past year we gave farmer recognition awards to two farmers; John Eron in Wood County and the Wallendal's in Adams County. Their pictures along with our awards were featured on our placemats. So let's all start thinking about which farmers have introduced conservation practices that will control runoff and get them nominated. PACRS expenses will be lower next year because the graphic art is already done. We just need to produce the sign with the farm name.

### **County Conservation Report:**

**Juneau County** Matt Komiskey has been working on the Town of Armenia groundwater issues with the EPA, DNR and the Town of Armenia. Short term and long term goals are being discussed. Matt has been working with DATCP on a farmer led council for Lake Redstone. A flood water study is being done in Juneau County. Matt announced that he was leaving his position as Juneau County Conservationist. He has accepted another position outside of the county. Matt has been with in his current position for 1 ½ years. Comments were made that he accomplished so much in that short timeframe, he is highly respected and he will be missed. Rick Georgeson mentioned that PACRS has received a water test kit. We will try to put it to good use. John Endrizzini, 14 Mile Watershed Committee, is a water action volunteer. He tests 9 spots once a month or after rain events. Samples are taken to UW Stevens Point for testing.

**Wood County:** Shane was not present for the meeting. Rick Georgeson reported that Shane's 9 Key Element Plan is complete for the Mill Creek Watershed. Also, Shane has received donations for the no-til drill he wants to buy for the farmers in his county to use. There is a balance of \$10,000 which the county is expected to kick in so the drill can be purchased for spring 2019.

**Adams County:** Kason Morley was not present for our meeting. However, Megan Steckelberg and Samuel Peterson joined us representing the Land and Water Conservation Department. Sam is the new "Water Resource Specialist". They reported that the DNR will be meeting next week with the 14 Mile Creek Watershed Committee discussing the 9 Key Element Plan. The plan will then go to the EPA and they are expecting a response in the next 2 months. The Sherwood dam is now being repaired.



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**Other:** On September 14<sup>th</sup>, well over 100 people attended the Adams County Board Meeting. Don Ystad and Wayne Johnson, Town of Rome Chairman, gave a presentation to the board on the condition of our county lakes and streams and loss of over \$20 million in tourism revenue this past year. 88% of our water recreational property is on the state's impaired list. The County had a special follow up meeting to hear resident's comments on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Adam's County Community Center. PACRS members were in attendance and raised good points during the discussion. Comments were limited to 3 minutes. Megan mentioned the Land and Water Committee meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are asked to attend these meetings. Paul Pisellini is on the Land and Water Committee in Adams County and he said the PACRS are always on their monthly agenda.

Joe Stuchlak reported there was a Conservation Field Day and 120 children attended the event at the county fairgrounds. There were 7 presenters. Joe gave an update on Muskies Matter. Their group held a fishing derby in September. The 2018 Derby Champion is Jenelle Myers. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, their organization stocked 150 muskies into the Lemonweir River. Also stocked were 600 crappie and 1,000 perch. Muskies Matters spent \$8700. in stocking fees this past year. Joe presented PACRS with a plaque of thanks for our donation this year and our support of their efforts.

Rick G talked to PACRS member, Jannah Mather, about working on the PACRS newsletter. We have paid our fees to Constant Contact to renew our subscription for another year. We have not had a newsletter go out in more than a year. If anyone has interesting stories or news please submit them for the newsletter.

Paul Pisellini asked that a sign program for lakeshore owners be considered. Many property owners around the lakes should be recognized for their efforts to protect our shorelines. The signs do not need to be the size of the farmer's signs but small yard signs. We can discuss further at our meeting in December.

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 7, 2018**

**10:30 till 12:30 p.m. (Please note time of this meeting! The library does not open until 10:00 a.m.)  
Lester Public Library of Rome  
1157 Rome Center Drive  
Nekoosa, WI. 54457**

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,  
Secretary