



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting December 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Lester Public Library – Town of Rome

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Lynda Everson, Gerry Ganther, Virgil Miller

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Larry Everson, Bob Peterson, Sam Peterson, Paul Pisellini, Dave Jackson, Dennis Glidden

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:40 with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette read parts of the minutes from the October 19th PACRS meeting held at Romano's Pizza in Nekoosa. The minutes were emailed to members the end of October. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Secretary's report. Paul Pisellini seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor was not present for the meeting. A report on activity was provided to Scott Bordeau. Scott reported on current balances of saving and checking accounts. Gerry Ganther made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau has been posting information on Facebook that would interest readers. His latest post was the ice thickness safety chart. Scott discussed the Yahara Watershed Improvement Network, known as Yahara WINS. In this effort, community partners led by Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District are collaborating on a strategy called watershed adaptive management in which all sources of phosphorus in a watershed work together to reduce phosphorus. Their efforts began in 2012 as a pilot project and in 2017 transitioned to a full scale effort. The Wisconsin River TMDL requires point sources to reduce phosphorus. However, 60% of the pollution comes from non-point sources. Adaptive management projects facilitate partnerships, conducts outreach, pools resources to fund phosphorous reducing practices in the watershed. County Conservationists work with farmers on which practices would work best on their farm fields. Pat Oldenburg will be at our meeting in January and can elaborate further on these efforts.

Alliant Energy Grant: PACRS recently was awarded a grant of \$1500. from the Alliant Energy Foundation. PACRS member, Anna Pecor, submitted the necessary paperwork to receive the grant around the Labor Day holiday. The grant reimburses PACRS for our restaurant placemat project. A big thanks to Anna for all her hard work. Thank you Alliant Energy for recognizing our project and how we are educating the public on the Wisconsin River TMDL and what they can do to help.



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PACRS Year in Review: Rick Georgeson highlighted PACRS activities throughout the year.

- January 2018 – PACRS donated \$2,000 to Wood County for the purchase of a no-till drill that would be used by any farmer in Wood County.
- February 2018 – PACRS awarded John Eron and Wallendahl Farms with signs of recognition for their efforts for land and water conservation practices on their farms.
- March 2018 - Healthy Soil Healthy Water Workshop held in Marshfield.
- March 2018 – The Wisconsin River TMDL is drafted and open for public comment. Patrick Oldenburg is chosen by the DNR to manage the TMDL project.
- April 2018 – PACRS receives \$2800. in donations from Thrivent Choice Customers. PACRS was approved in 2018 as a non-profit in which customer can donate their funds.
- June 2018 – PACRS received a donation of \$1961. from the Duck Creek Watershed Advisory Group. Their group was dissolving and they donated their remaining funds to PACRS.
- June 2018 - Farmers of Mill Creek held their field day on June 20th. Members are invited to see demonstrations on inter-seeding cover crops.
- June 2018 – PACRS donates \$1,000 to Muskies Matters for their pit tag and pit tag reader project. This will allow the group and DNR to retrieve data on fish that were stocked.
- August 2018 – PACRS holds a Pontoon and Politics event that celebrates the Wisconsin River TMDL. Politicians, businesses and members gathered at the Germantown Town Hall to hear the latest update. Lunch and a tour of Castle Rock Lake followed on the Crusin Turtle from the Dirty Turtle restaurant.
- September 2018 – PACRS Annual Meeting and Fundraiser was held at Petenwell County Park
- October 2018 – PACRS donates \$500.00 to Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation to help offset their costs for their Water Walk on September 15th. The walk is to raise awareness of how important water is in our lives.
- December 2018- PACRS receives a grant of \$1500. from the Alliant Energy Foundation for our restaurant placemat project.

County Conservation Report:

County Conservationists were not present due to another meeting conflict.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 18, 2019

**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 12:10 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano,
Secretary