



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting January 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Lester Public Library – Town of Rome

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Lynda Everson, Virgil Miller, Joe Stuchlak

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Larry Everson, Bob Peterson, Sam Peterson, Dennis Glidden, Dustin Ladd, John Endrizzi, Pat Oldenburg, Vern Long, Mayo Ewanowski, Joe Sukana, Peter Manley, Shane Wucherpfennig

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:35 with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette presented highlights from the December meeting held at the Lester Public Library on December 7th, 2018. The minutes were emailed to members mid- December. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to approve the Secretary's report. Lynda Everson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Bulls Eye Credit Union merged with ConneXus and Steve was adjusting to the new online system. Steve discussed last year's annual income and expenses. He will be finalizing the budget for board review and approval at the March meeting. Steve indicated that we did not send a donation to Wisconsin River Alliance last year in January as we have done in previous years. The River Alliance is very supportive of PACRS. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to donate \$1,000 annually and seconded by Joe Stuchlak. All in favor, motion passed. Colette has mailed out letters to the Thrivent Choice Dollars customers that donated to PACRS last year asking for their support again in 2019. If you are a Thrivent customer, your donation to PACRS is very much appreciated. A motion was made by Joe Stuchlak to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Lynda Everson. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau discussed the upcoming soil conferences. Ray Archuleta, the Soils Guy, will demonstrate the value of soil structure and the importance of soil biology. The conference will be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Baraboo Fine Arts Center from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. Registration is \$20.00 and please rsvp by February 1st to Justine.bula@saukcountywi.gov .

Another soil health conference sponsored by Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) will be held on February 5th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Fresh Country Aire Banquet Hall in Stratford, WI. Ray Archuleta will also be the guest speaker. Please call (715) 261-6000 to register by Monday, January 28th. Fee is \$10.00 per person.



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A group discussion began on how PACRS could support these two conferences. Rick Georgeson will reach out to the UW Extension folks who are coordinating these events to discuss our desire to help with registration fees for some farmers attending.

A brief discussion on steel slag or furnace slag used to dissolve phosphorous. Shane Wucherpennig indicated that NRCS now has a standard on steel slag.

Adaptive Management – Patrick Oldenburg, WDNR, gave members an overview of Adaptive Management. The goal of adaptive management is to meet the TMDL goal for water quality. The TMDL requires point sources to reduce phosphorous. However, 60% of pollution comes from non-point sources. Adaptive management projects facilitate partnerships, conduct research, pool resources to fund phosphorous reducing practices in the watershed. In the development of an adaptive management plan there are a number of items for consideration:

- Identify where reductions will occur
- Identify partners
- Describe and quantify management measures
- Determine success

Patrick indicated there are places where county LWCD and other partners are actively developing and implementing watershed plans and similar efforts. Leveraging efforts with these partners can make adaptive management economically feasible. Adaptive management also offers time to consider future approaches to permit compliance while achieving improvements in water quality. Also offers the ability to tackle local water quality issues impacting the community..

County Conservation Report:

Adams County – Sam Peterson – In December, PACRS gave Adams County Land and Water Department water testing equipment that was donated to us. Sam Peterson is going through the equipment that he believes will be helpful in their stream monitoring. Adams County Farmers are welcome and encouraged to attend the Soil Workshop to be held in Baraboo.

Juneau County – Dustin Ladd - A meeting is scheduled for January 24th at the Mauston High School to determine if there is interest in forming a lake association/citizens group for Lake Decora. Dustin is working with the farmer groups in Lake Redstone. They have just received their grant for a farmer led council.

Wood County – Shane Wucherpennig- Wood and Juneau counties tested private wells in the Town of Armenia and 42% of the nitrate readings were above 10. The water tests were free to the residents. Adams and Juneau Counties contract with Wood County Health Department for services. Wood County has an in-house nitrate lab. A year ago, Shane started raising donations for a used no till drill to be used by farmers in Wood County. Shane raised almost \$10,000. Wood County is funding the remaining balance and Shane hopes to have the drill available for spring planting.



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Other: Muskies Matter Inc is hosting an Ice Fisherie and Fund Raiser 2019 on Saturday, February 2nd at Shipwreck Bay in Mauston. The event starts at 7:00 am.

No Meeting in February

Next Meeting Date: Friday, March 15th, 2019
10:00 till 12:00 p.m.

Bay Rest Resort
1915 Bighorn Dr.
Arkdale, WI. 54613

Meeting adjourned 12:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano,
Secretary