



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting July 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Town Of Rome Town Hall

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Lynda Everson, Virgil Miller, Rick Potter, Mark Diedrich, Gerry Ganther, Jim Stewart,

Members and Guests: Tom & Lydia Thomas, Bob Paterson, Tom Camerano, Lisa Schenk, Sue Taylor, Curtis Frost, Cheryl & Steve Schmidt, Bill Clendenning, Sam & Jean Warp, Donald Kempen, Harry Hilgers, Dave & Mayo Ewonowski, Peter Manley, Don Ystad, Fred & Susan Dudek, Judy Flashing, Chris Zindorf

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

Secretary's Report: Colette apologized for the tardiness of getting the June minutes sent out. She had pc issues and visitors that caused the delay. Minutes were emailed on July 15th. The June meeting was held at the Lure Bar & Grill on June 21st. A motion was made by Rick Potter to approve the Secretary's report. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. A couple small expenses were paid including; \$336.00 for PACRS caps and \$100.00 for membership in Adams County Lake Alliance (ACLA). A motion was made by Jim Stewart to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Sam Warp. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau reported he had half a box of placemats if anyone needs them for a restaurant. Next week, Wednesday, July 24th, is the public hearing of the Speaker's Water Quality Task Force. It will be held in the Dreyfus University Center in Stevens Point at 12:00 Noon. Presentation will be given by Portage County, USDA Agriculture Research Center, Water Well Association, Central Sands Water Action Coalition, Farmers of Mill Creek Producer Led Group and Wood County Land Conservation. Invited testimony will begin at 12:00 pm and is expected to conclude at approximately 2:30 pm. Members of the public will have the opportunity to testify at the conclusion of the invited testimony. Don Ystad announced that



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John Endrizzi of 14 Mile Creek Watershed Committee has been appointed to the Adams County Drainage Board. John was picked from four other candidates for this board seat. John will serve with 3 other board members that all represent agriculture. Congratulation John! We know how well you represent conservation. Scott indicated that he has received Instant Messaging on Facebook regarding beach closings. Adams County Health and Land and Water Department post if a county beach has been closed to contamination. We do not know if Juneau County posts signs. It was the consensus of the group that PACRS does not get involved posting this type of information on Facebook or our web site. This is the responsibility of the county.

Water Quality Task Force Meeting held June 12th: PACRS was invited to be one of the presenters at the Water Quality Task Force hearing on June 12th. The meeting was held at the Mauston High School. The committee is made up of 16 bipartisan legislators. Rick gave a PowerPoint presentation that gave the history of PACRS, the effects algae blooms have on our lakes and our ask of the committee. The entire presentation will be posted to the PACRS website.

WI River Basin TMDL Update: Patrick Oldenburg, TMDL Project Manager, joined our meeting to explain what a Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) does and the work needed to be successful. The TMDL water monitoring has been done over the past six years. The monitoring show how much phosphorous is getting into the Wisconsin River via streams and tributaries. We know the phosphorous levels entering the water and what reduction in PH have to be made to achieve quality water in our lakes. Pat discussed the Site Specific Criteria (SSC) for Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes. To meet the current TMDL criteria for Petenwell Lake, there must be an 80% reduction of phosphorous from upstream waters. By adopting the recommended SSC, a 60% reduction of phosphorous would be needed. The DNR believes that the adjusted SSC would provide Lake Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes with the water quality improvement we need. There will be a hearing on the SSC on August 13th. We expect final approval from the EPA in March 2020. In the meantime, efforts are being made by agriculture and waste water treatment plants to reduce PH. Approx 1/3 of the Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) permits expire over the next year and new 5-year permits will reflect the PH reductions. The DNR is hiring a Water Quality Biologist to be based in Wisconsin Rapids. Pat's presentation will be available on PACRS website.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August Saturday, July 20, 2019
10:00 till 12:00 p.m.
Northern Bay – Island Grill
1844A 20th Ave, Arkdale, WI. 54613

Meeting adjourned 12:20 pm.