



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting August 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Northern Bay Island Grill

In attendance:

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

Members and Guests: Tom & Lydia Thomas, Bob Paterson, Tom Camerano, Dave & Mayo Ewanowski, Larry Everson, John Endrizzi, Dennis & Carolyn Glidden, Chris Zindorf, Chris & Nike Turok, Christie Peitzmeier, Shar Ann Lemar, Sarah Fleck, Dustin Ladd

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 10:07 starting with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette read highlights from the July meeting that was held at the Town of Rome Town Hall. Rick G gave members the same presentation that he gave to the Water Quality Task Force legislators in June 2019. Minutes were emailed on July 22nd. A motion was made by Lynda Everson to approve the Secretary's report. Ron Von Haden seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Steve paid the annual membership of \$100.00 to the Adams County Lake Association (ACLA). A motion was made by Rick Potter to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Jim Stewart. All in favor, motion passed.

Communication Report: Scott Bordeau reported That the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) was having their field day on August 20th. Common Ground hosted by UW Marshfield Agriculture Research Station will be held September 17th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Two guests from PACRS are invited to attend the evening of field tours and dinner, Please let Colette know if you wish to attend. In the past, Rick G, Tom and Colette have attended.

On Tuesday, August 13th, the DNR held a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise NR 102 relating to site-specific phosphorous water quality criteria for Petenwell, Castle Rock and Lake Wisconsin. The proposed rule will create phosphorus site-specific criteria for the three lakes. Public written comments were due on or before August 20th. Rick G. commented that a lot of farmers north of us are making a difference. Rick Boden, WWTP of Plover is also President of the WWTP Group. Rick Boden feels that WWTP will have new goals to meet when applying for a



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waste water treatment permit. Kevin Kirsch, WDNR, has met with every WWTP in the WI River Watershed. Mayo Ewanowski made a comment that the water this year on Lake Petenwell was the best that she can remember in the 50 years she has been coming to the lake. Questions were asked regarding continuous water monitoring by citizens. How do we know the current status of the lake if it is not monitored for progress being made? Rick Potters suggested the lakes be monitored at least three times during summer months.

The Wisconsin River Alliance “River Bash” is September 19th in Madison. PACRS is a sponsor of this event and we have 8 complimentary tickets. Please let Colette know if you are interested

John Endrizzi stated the 9 Key Element Plan covers Wood, Washura and Adams counties. When approved by the EPA, \$8 million dollars will be available for the 14 Mile Creek Watershed. 14 Mile Creek flows into Lake Petenwell so anything improvements on that watershed will improve the water quality flowing into Lake Petenwell.

PACRS Fundraiser: September 14th (Saturday) is our annual meeting and fundraiser. The annual meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Adams County Petenwell Park. Colette thanked Barb Von Haden, Mark Diedrich, Rick Potter and Dennis Glidden for their efforts in collecting donations and the baskets made by Dennis. We have a number of gift certificates. Colette felt she was lacking items for the baskets. Colette asked the members for funds to purchase items needed to fill the baskets. A motion was made by Tom Thomas to spend up to \$400.00. After discussion, Tom Thomas lowered the request to \$300.00. Mark Diedrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

County Conservation Reports:

Juneau County – Dustin Ladd, County Conservationist, indicated they are working on a second round of nitrate groundwater testing during the week of the Juneau County Fair. During the first round they sampled 250 wells, of which around 10% tested above the drinking water standard. In October, they plan on analyzing another 500 samples if they can get the residents to sample. Their Producer group (Producers of the Lake Redstone Watershed) had its annual field day. They based this event off PACRS pontoon and politics. They had 35 people in attendance (producers and lake protection district folks). The group toured Brian Daug’s farm and looked at the Discovery Farms edge of field monitoring equipment. A pontoon ride with the lake protection folks was held in the afternoon. The discussion between the groups was great, both seemed to enjoy the day and learn from each other. 9 counties in the Central Sands are working together currently on groundwater issues. They have not yet come out publicly as a group yet as other counties have.



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Other: Discussion regarding a rainwater simulator that could be demonstrated at the annual meeting and fundraiser. Dustin said he has a table top version available. Mark Diedrich said he can explain how cover crops reduce runoff.

Gerry Ganther, board member, did 2 interviews regarding the lake water, In the 1960's sulfate was an issue in our lakes until 1970's when the algae appeared. Pontoons and Politics was the biggest achievement for our group as it secured funding for the water monitoring and eventually the Wisconsin River TMDL project approval. Gerry said the interview will air February 8, 2020. More information to come.

Mayo and Dave Ewanowski said they would not be able to attend the fundraiser but will be making a donation to support the event. Thank you Mayo and Dave!

Annual Meeting Date: Saturday, September 14th, 2019

11:30 AGM

12:00 – 4:00 pm Fundraiser – Chicken Lunch – Raffle Prizes – Live Music Ben Chitek

Adams County Petenwell Park Shelter

2004 Bighorn Drive

Arkdale, WI. 54613

Meeting adjourned 11:56 a.m.