



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting October 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Lester Library – Town of Rome

In attendance:

Board Members: Rick Georgeson, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Rick Potter, Mark Diedrich, Gerry Ganther, Peter Manley, Virgil Miller

Members and Guests: Dennis Glidden, Wayne Gjersvig, Lisa Schenk, Judy Flashing, Matt Krueger

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

Secretary's Report: Colette read highlights from annual meeting held on September 14th at the Petenwell Park Shelter. The fundraiser was held immediately after the meeting. PACRS made several donations in 2019 to support water quality and fisheries. Donations were made to Wisconsin River Alliance, Wisconsin Land and Water, Muskies Matter and Consolidated Musky Club of Wisconsin Rapids. Rick Geogeson and Virgil Miller were elected to continue serving on the PACRS board. Mark Diedrich, Jim Stewart and Joe Stuchlak were renewed for an additional 2 years. Two board members, Ron Von Haden and Mike Coke stepped down from the board. Peter Manley is our new board member. A motion was made by Rick Potter to approve the Secretary's report. Virgil Miller 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 had recently talked with American Bank in Necedah to get information on their business accounts. Bulls Eye Credit Union changed hands this year and became part of ConnEXus Credit Union. There have been a couple of issues since this change. Steve felt that it would be easier if our bank account was in town so he and Colette would have easier access. The business account at American Bank does not have any fees. Steve suggested we make the change to be effective the end of this year so all deposits next year would go into the new account. A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to move PACRS funds to American Bank in Necedah. The motion was seconded by Colette Camerano. All in favor, motion passed.

Fundraiser Report: Colette reported the fundraiser was a successful event. PACRS raised \$3700. which will be used to support water quality projects. Colette thanked everyone who worked with her on organizing the fundraiser and sought out donations from businesses. A special thanks to PACRS member, Dennis Glidden, for handmaking a dozen baskets used in the



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raffle. Despite a short rainfall event, people came out to enjoy the food and music. We served 96 lunches. Pumpkins were donated by Wallendal Farms for the kids to decorate and table pumpkins were donated by Flyte Family Farms.

Wisconsin Land and Water: Matt Krueger, Executive Director, joined our meeting to discuss the locally led conservation actions in Wisconsin by their group. Their mission statement “ To protect, conserve, and enhance Wisconsin’s natural resources by advocating for and supporting county conservation efforts, for current and future generations.” Established in 1953, they are a nonprofit, non-partisan 501(c)(3) membership organization that supports the efforts of 450 Land Conservation Committee (LCC) members and 350 Land Conservation Department (LCD) staff in Wisconsin counties. Counties are the local implementers of conservation; all 72 counties have a “county conservationist. Land Conservation Committees (LCCs) oversee the Land Conservation Depts(LCDs). Matt discussed the TMDLs that are in development and implementation. 7 river basins (including the Wisconsin river) are under TMDLs. Matt stressed the importance of county conservation funding, regulations and partnerships. Producer led watershed groups number 20 statewide. The next WI Land and Water Conference will be held in Green Bay in March 2020.

Common Ground Field Event: Rick G attended the “Common Ground” event held by the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) and UW Marshfield Agricultural Research Station on September 17th. EPPIC is a group of farmers, farm groups, agencies, equipment dealers and lake stewards. There was a tractor wagon ride to view grazing, pollinator vegetation, corn field with cover crops. This area is upstream in our watershed so our lakes will benefit by their conservation practices. Rick said it was inspiring to see first hand a group of individuals from the many agencies and farmers working together for the purpose of introducing different management techniques into ag production that will increase profits for the farmer and at the same time improve water quality. The enthusiasm in all the conversations was extremely positive. Rick was glad he had the chance to attend with members of the 14 Mile Watershed Committee; John Endrizi, Rick Antin and Dave Trodeau.

River Trip: Rick Potter and his wife, Sam, hosted a pontoon boat ride on the river. Onboard was Scott Provost, Pat Oldenburg, Taylor Hasz, Kason Morely, Dustin Ladd and Rick Georgeson. Shane Wucherpennig was unable to attend. The purpose of this event was to do some teambuilding, bringing folks together that aren’t necessarily working together presently but will be as we move forward into the implementation of the TMDL. The Potter’s had provided a picnic lunch for everyone. Rick felt that they accomplished a tremendous amount in terms of creating comfort for the various team players to work together, share ideas and dream on a big scale.



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River Bash: Colette stated earlier this year, PACRS donated \$1,000 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin for their “River Bash” event held on September 19th. PACRS received eight complimentary tickets to attend. Rick Georgeson, Rick Potter, Christie Peitzmeier, Jim Stewart and Tom and Colette Camerano attended and were seated at a head table with keynote speaker, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes. Mr. Barnes remarks were about Governor Evers strong commitment to making 2019 the Year Of Clean Drinking Water. There was a silent auction. Awards were given for River Champions; Drs. Alfieri and Wilson from Viterbo University and the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance, Kimberly, WI. The Lifetime Service Award went to Lindsay Wood Davis of Monona, WI.

Election of Officers: PACRS By-Laws state the board of directors will elect officers for the coming year after the annual meeting. Our annual meeting was held in September. Rick Potter made a motion that the current officers (Rick Georgeson-President, Steve Taylor-Treasurer, Scott Bordeau-Vice President and Colette Camerano-Secretary) remain in their positions for the coming year. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting Date:
December 6, 2019
10:00 a.m. till Noon

Spot in the Woods Restaurant
1940 17th Ct.
Friendship, WI. 53934

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.