



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

***Minutes of PACRS Member Conference Call  
May 15, 2020 at 9:45 a.m.  
Conference Call In Toll Free  
(844) 875-7777  
Access Code 309003#***

**In attendance:**

**Board Members:** Rick Georgeson, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Scott Bordeau, Virgil Miller, Lynda Everson, Jim Stewart, Peter Manley, Mark Diedrich,

**Members and Guests:** Larry Everson, Tom Camerano, Jim Carpenter, Lisa Schenk, Sam Peterson, Scott Provost, Rachel Whitehair, Bill Clendenning, Karen Knotek

**Call to Order:** President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette emailed and mailed the April minutes to members on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The April meeting was our second conference call this year. Highlights from the April meeting were members remembering Rick Potter, PACRS director, who passed away suddenly in early April. Other projects discussed were the fish planting memorial for Ron Von Haden and the Town of Germantown park improvements. Patrick Oldenburg, DNR, presented an update on the WI River TMDL project. Lynda Everson made a motion to accept the Secretary Minutes for April. Peter Manley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Expenses paid were \$60.00 for flowers, \$65.00 for postage, \$400.00 West Bend Insurance, Rick G and Peter Manley cover crop conference expenses of \$160.00, Muskies Matters and Consolidated Musky Club WR for \$3,000. Steve said that year to date we are in good shape financially, even without having a fundraiser this year. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report. Peter Manley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau participated at a Tri Lakes Management meeting. There were 8 or 9 attendees. Kason Morley, Adams County Conservationist, was present at that meeting and said that the county will take control of the dam operations. They are looking at testing water in Tri Lakes for e-coli and the possibility of doing a goose roundup. They are not sure if the e-coli is from geese or other sources.



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**Stocking of Fish Memorial:** Colette said she has been in contact with Don Kempden, Consolidated Musky Club about the fish stocking memorial for Ron Von Haden. Their club uses a private source for fish stocking so the DNR announcement that they won't be harvesting musky eggs this year, does not affect the club's fall planting release. The memorial planting will need to be on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The fish will all need to be pit tagged before release. The DNR will assist with the tagging. The date for release will not be set until August. The annual meeting will be a separate event to be held on a Saturday.

### **Conservation Reports:**

**Adams County** – Sam Peterson indicated there was a slight set back on the 9 Key Element Plan for the 14 Mile Creek Watershed. However, they do expect it will be approved in the next two months. Grant opportunities will be available for Wood, Portage and Waushara counties once approved. Due to COVID 19, the Adams County Land and Water Department has been working mainly from home. They do rotate and have one person in the office every day.

**Wood County** – Not Present

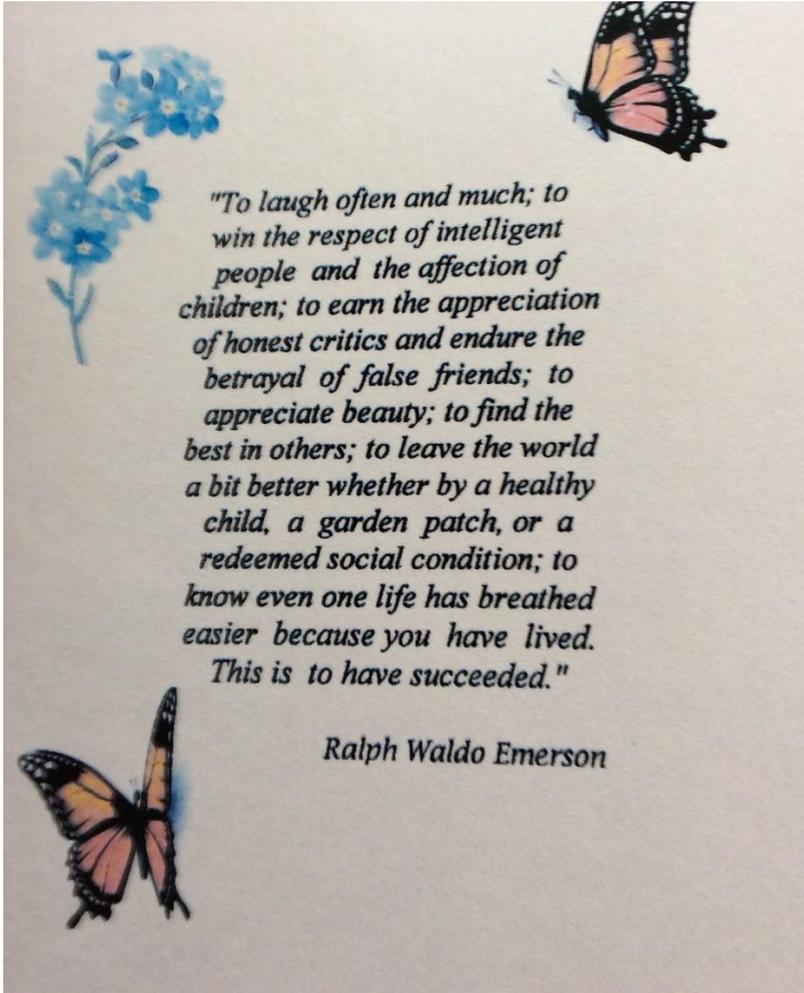
**Juneau County** – Not present

**Other:** Rick Georgeson said he has received a thank you card from Rick Potter's wife, Sam DeByl. PACRS sent flowers to Sam and she shared a poem along with her note. It is printed below. A Celebration of Life date has not been set yet for Rick.

Rick also said he has had several conversations with John Eron in the past few weeks. John Eron is the lead farmer in the Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council. The no till drill that PACRS helped purchase has been in full use this spring. Due to low corn and soybean prices, some of the farmers are planting cover crops for seed instead of the normal corn and soybeans. It is expected they may possibly have 3 harvests during the summer. It is expected that the market for cover crop seed will increase significantly and some of the Mill Creek farmers are hoping to take advantage of this new market and have seed to sell. John Eron also commented that he receives calls from new farmers expressing interest in learning how to implement the use of no till and cover crops on their farm. Rick said it wasn't that long ago when lake groups like PACRS were having discussions on how we can foster positive relationships with the agriculture community. For in those days, just a short 5 years ago, there were no conversation being held between lake groups and farmers. We have become a recognized valuable partner in the future of improving water quality. This should remind ourselves of the value of our work.



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Meeting Adjourned 10:30 am.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**June 19, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. The Lure Bar & Grill – 1735 Archer Ln. Nekoosa, WI**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Colette Camerano  
Secretary