



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

***Minutes of PACRS Member Conference Call
October 23, 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

Members and Guests: Larry Everson, Tom Camerano, Rachel Whitehair, Anna James, Shane Wucherpennig, Chris Hamerla

Call to Order: President, Rick Georgeson called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Colette distributed the September Annual Member Meeting Minutes by email and regular mail on October 10th. At that meeting; Steve Taylor reported on major contributions made in 2020. Scott Bordeau is working on the PACRS conservation sign for Roth's Golden Farms in Wood County. Pat Oldenburg gave us an update on the TMDL and specifically the monitoring at the Biron and Longview Point. The Wisconsin Lakes conference will be virtual in March 2021. We had an election of board members. Gerry Ganther was elected to serve another 2 years. Scott Bordeau, Lynda Everson, Steve Taylor and Colette Camerano were all elected to serve another term and the 6-year restriction was waved by the membership. Lynda Everson made a motion to accept the Secretary Minutes for September. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. 3 deposits were made since the last meeting totaling \$1,050. A motion was made by Colette Camerano to approve the Treasurer's Report. Peter Manley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau shared that our Facebook page now has 744 Likes. In the last 28 days, we received 46 new likes. We posted 3 times for the drone video, PACRS meeting and Amazon Prime Day, Sign is done for Roth's Farms and ready to be presented. Scott will work with Shane on the best way to acknowledge this family farm.



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WI Lakes Virtual Conference 2021: Scott Bordeau reported that he is working with Chris Hamerla, of Golden Sands, on the agenda and speakers for the Central Wisconsin presentations to be virtually held on Thursday, March 11th. There are 3 keynote speakers that the Red Cedar Watershed has secured and we may be able to join them for those presentations. We are still needing more ideas for presenters. Members suggested that we Pat Oldenburg to give the update on the Wisconsin River TMDL. Another suggestion was possibly a farmer presentation on soil health.

President's Comments: Rick Georgeson announced that he is stepping down as president of PACRS. Rick said our board is strong, the officers are strong, and our membership is strong and he feels it is a good time to step aside as president. Rick said he will remain active on the board focusing on working with the farmers and other special projects. He went on to say that PACRS is a very well -respected citizens group and we should be proud of our journey through these unchartered waters. Individual directors and members thanked him for his dedication to PACRS. Rick has been the president since 2009.

Election of Officers:

- Rick Georgeson nominated Scott Bordeau for President. Colette Camerano seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Congratulations Scott!
- Scott Bordeau nominated Peter Manley for Vice President. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Congratulations Peter!
- Colette Camerano nominated Steve Taylor for Treasurer. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Congratulations Steve!
- Steve Taylor nominated Colette Camerano for Secretary. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Conservation Reports:

Adams County: Anna James attended our meeting. Anna says she has been newly hired as a water specialist for the county. Anna is originally from Ashland, WI. She is a recent graduate in conservation management. Anna stated she has a fisheries and water quality background. Welcome Anna!

Wood County: Shane said he will be working with Scott Bordeau on the best way to present the PACRS aware to Roth's Golden Acres Farm. Maybe a in person presentation with a picture and possible article in the local medias. Shane said this is the first full year for the no till drill being used by farmers. This has been a phenomenal cropping year. Shane will be putting together a summary on this year's activity. Shane was working on purchasing a roller crimper that could be



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used by farmers. The county board accepted his capitol request to the purchase. Shane has to build a special trailer to haul the crimper around to farms that will be renting the equipment.

Other: Colette said she has watched a Netflix movie called “Kiss The Ground”. It is all about soil health! Rachael Whitehair said the movie will be virtually hosted on November 5th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The movie is 90 minutes long and then there will be a discussion after the movie ends. Rachael will send a flyer to Colette for distribution.

Virtual showing of the new movie, "Kiss the Ground", narrated by Woody Harrelson. A cure for climate change starts with a simple solution right under our feet. Kiss The Ground is now streaming on Netflix, and the exclusive Live Q&A with Gisele Bündchen, Woody Harrelson and Ian Somerhalder, plus the filmmakers, farmers and activists behind the regenerative movement, is right here.

REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94401122222>

Meeting Adjourned 10:50 am.

Next Meeting Date:
December 4, 2020
9:45 Conference Call

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary