



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

***Minutes of PACRS Member Conference Call  
January 15, 2021 at 9:45 a.m.  
Conference Call In Toll Free  
(844) 875-7777  
Access Code 309003#***

**In attendance:**

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

**Members and Guests:** Shane Wucherpfennig, Bill Clendenning, Pat Oldenburg, Bill Pegler, Sam Warp

**Call to Order:** President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette distributed the December meeting minutes on December 13th. Minutes were sent via email and regular mail. Colette provided a recap of the December meeting. Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Secretary Minutes for December. Lynda Everson 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 has drafted a budget for 2021. It was emailed to the board of directors for review. Board members should review and comment back by email to Steve or at the March meeting. Steve would like the budget to be approved in March. A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mark Diedrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau said we now have 885 likes on Facebook. He posted 5 times in the last month. The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is moving forward with formation of a 501c(3) non-profit. They are looking for donations to help assist with this effort.

Attached is a link to youtube. It is a 27 minute video done by The Terraton Initiative Public Launch at Beneficial Ag 2019. <https://youtu.be/383DF803e5U> This is a discussion on how cover crop, no till and vegetation grabs carbon dioxide from the air into the soil. Scott thinks you will find this interesting to watch. This can also help with global warming.



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**Cover Crop Conference:** Peter Manley stated the Cover Crop Conference will be held virtually on February 11<sup>th</sup>. PACRS is a sponsor of this event. The conference is free to attend but you must register. The Keynote Speaker is Loan Steinlage, owner/operator of FLOLO Farms. His topic is “Profit Through Diversification.” Concurrent sessions follow. This conference is focused on farmers helping farmers. Update: The conference has changed format. Please use this link for future information. <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covercrop/>

**Central WI Farm Profitability Expo:** . Rick Georgeson attended the webinar. Rick said Jason Cavadini, has done a great job connecting with lake folk people over the past years. Jason is a farmer who raises beef and works for UW WI Marshfield Research. In addition, Jason is on the EPPIC board. His discussion was titled “Breaking the Cycle, Regenerative Agriculture. He discussed the five principles of agriculture:

- Minimize soil disturbance
- Maximize crop diversity
- Keep soil covered
- Maintain living root year round
- Integrate Livestock

Jason’s entire presentation can be found here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqLwDKPKpGA>

**Wisconsin Land & Water Conference March 2:** Scott received a call from Matt Krueger regarding sponsorship of their virtual conference. We had donated \$1,000 in previous years. A motion was made from Bill Clendenning that we again be a sponsor for \$1,000. Steve Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Wisconsin Lakes Conference:** Wisconsin Lakes Water Week is March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>! This year’s theme is “Navigating Turbulent Times”. Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> will be Central Wisconsin Channel. The entire day will be sessions on Central Wisconsin and the WI River. An anonymous donor has donated \$100.00 to PACRS to cover the cost of 5 members attending the March 11<sup>th</sup> session. The cost to attend is \$20.00 per person per day. You can find out more about the conference agenda and registration by going to this link:

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/convention/default.aspx>



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### **Conservation Reports:**

**Adams County:** Anna James was not able to attend but sent an email to Colette that the watershed group for the Big Roche a Cri is progressing well.

**Wood County:** Shane Wucherpfennig, County Conservatist, said the roller crimper was ordered a couple weeks ago. It should be delivered the end of April and be available to farmers for this growing season. He has already had interest from 4 area farmers.

The well water testing in Wood County for 2020 is now complete. Maps will be shared at a later date.

Shane went over the work his area farmers did in 2020 with no-till, cover crop and buffering. He will do a full presentation at a later date. Shane shared that 95% of the work being done goes into the Wisconsin River basin. For 2020 total acres, excludes nutrient management plans, was no-till and cover crop installed on 5600 in the county. No-till drill rentals for 636 acres. Wood County's goal is to reduce 5800 lbs of phosphorous tracked. Remember 1 lb of phosphorous will produce 500 lbs of algae bloom. So theoretically, there is potential algae reduction of 2.9 million pounds. Their water quality sampling is showing improvements as time passes. Many PACRS members have commented that the water this past summer was the best they have seen in years. Shane will have a power-point presentation with all the data in another month or so, He will share with our group then.

**Other:** Pat Oldenburg, WDNR, announced there was a new release this week from Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Multiple Producer Led grants were awarded. \$150K in grant dollars were awarded to Sauk County / Lake Wisconsin and above watersheds. EPPIC, Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council, Central Wisconsin Farmers Collaborative and Lake Wisconsin Farmers Watershed were all awarded grants.

Colette stated that at this time of the year we have made a donation to the River Alliance of Wisconsin and their support has been valuable to PACRS. Colette made a motion to donate \$1000. to the River Alliance. Rick Georgeson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.



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Meeting Adjourned 11:04 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date:**  
**March 19, 2021**  
**9:45 Conference Call**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Colette Camerano - Secretary