



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

## ***Minutes of PACRS Member Conference Call***

***May 21, 2021 at 9:45 a.m.***

***Conference Call In Toll Free***

***(844) 875-7777***

***Access Code 309003#***

OnLine Meeting ID: pacrsinfo

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### **In attendance:**

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

**Members and Guests:** Shane Wucherpfennig, Rachael Whitehair, Jim Carpenter, Anna James, Paul Pisellini, Bill Pegler, Lisa Diedrich

**Call to Order:** President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Colette distributed the April minutes by email on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Colette recapped the April minutes. Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Secretary Minutes for April. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Taylor reported on the current balances of PACRS savings and checking accounts. Saving balance remains unchanged. PACRS had \$1615.00 in expenses. Lynda Everson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Peter Manley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed

**Communications Report:** Scott Bordeau reported we posted 6 times on Facebook since our last meeting. We have 936 Likes on Facebook. The Field Day with Rick Clark is June 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held on Schoepp Farms at N2007 E. Harmon Rd. Lodi, WI. There is a \$20.00 per person fee until June 10<sup>th</sup> and after June 10<sup>th</sup> it is \$30.00. The registration form is on our website. Rick Georgeson made a motion that PACRS reimburse any member for the registration fee up to \$30.00 per person who attends this event. The motion was seconded by Peter Manley. All in favor, motion passed. Please send your registration receipt to Colette at [pacrs2014@gmail.com](mailto:pacrs2014@gmail.com).



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**Lake Leaders Crew 13 Training:** – Colette Camerano is in Crew 13 of Lake Leaders. She reported they met this past week at the Pilgrim Center in Green Lake for the 1<sup>st</sup> seminar. They did not meet at all in person last year due to COVID 19. 22 people from around the state met and the focus was on building values and environmental ethics. Hosts for the seminar were Sara Windjue and Eric Olsen from UW Stevens Point Extension Lake. Speakers were there virtually and in person from the DNR to address the group. The first session was on identifying our personality, using Real Colors. The tool is used in training that allows people to better understand themselves and others; improving communication and creating positive and rewarding persona and profession relationships. Once we were identified by a color, behavior was discussed as how to communicate with that person for success. We took a 3- hour tour of Green Lake with representatives from Green Lake Association and Green Lake Sanitary District. Green Lake is 236 feet deep at the greatest depth and has a surface area of 7660 acres. The lake has algae problems, shoreline erosion, AIS, to name a few. The association has 40% of property owners as members and has found success producing videos. Another session focused on problem solving and how to communicate with the Indigenous people. Next seminar will be held in September.

### **Conservation Reports:**

**Wood County:** Shane reported the roller crimper is expected to be delivered by the end of the month. Just in time to terminate the cover crops. This year is shaping up to be a busy year for his department on renting the no-till drill and roller crimper. Shane has talked with other County Conservationists about the success of renting this equipment to producers. Wood County has a number of producer's videos on their website. Thanks to Rachael Whitehair for her production of these videos.

**Adams County:** Anna James reported that producers in Big and Little Roche-A-Cri watersheds are interested in forming a farmer led council. The groups are focused on water quality and nutrient loading. The group has heard about and they are interested in the work of PACRS. Colette suggested a meeting with the producers to discuss the mission of PACRS. Citizens Lake Monitoring (CLM) is underway with the first water sample next week. Peter Manley joined the CLM group. Paul Pisellini, Chair of Adams County Land and Water Committee, added that Adams County meets June 15<sup>th</sup> and will hopefully pass to assign a specific new employee to run the 9Key Element Plan. Tri-Lakes has also put money toward the program.



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**Youth Education:** Rick Georgeson has been working with the Necedah Charter School for the past couple of months. 25-30 students came by school bus to Wilderness Park on April 19<sup>th</sup> for a demonstration of the rain simulator and to see the 500 feet of shoreline restoration work done by Juneau County. These students were involved in a project of the Wisconsin River. In the past week the students gave oral reports on what they learned and observed. Attending these presentations were people that the students interacted with on various occasions. Rick said the experience was a rewarding fulfillment for him and these kids are the future caretakers of our lakes.

**Sculptures By Erway** Mayo Ewanowski has picked up 32 sculptures that were handcrafted by Mr. Erway of the West Side of Petenwell Lake. The family has donated these sculptures to PACRS for fund raising. Mayo has categorized the sculptures according to size and objects on them. It is an Excel spreadsheet. Colette will send to members by email. If you are interested in purchasing a sculpture, please let her know. Mayo has collected \$400.00 to date for these sculptures. We hope to bring them to a meeting in the next couple months. PACRS is also looking at a booth at the Rome Farmer's Market.

**Other:** Peter Manley said he contacted the DNR regarding the lake lot surveys. He said the administration has this on hold temporarily.

John Eron, Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council, had a youth day at his Event Barn. While PACRS did not attend, it was a good day for the kids.

There was a discussion on overspreading of manure. When you see this take pictures and contact the DNR to report the incident. Worse cases, contact the county sheriff.

Shane reported there is a 6- county wide program, Coalition of Central Sands, that has joined forces regionally for legislative funding. UW has a grant and DATCP funded money that will pay for a graduate student (USGS) to look at all the data on Central Sands and do a Gap Analysis. This is a groundwater study. UW recommendation of nutrients are for optimum yield. Crops don't need that much, only 25%-35% of nitrogen is maintained by crops in sandy soil. This study is being done to identify bad water areas. Adams County has money put aside for water testing on the next 4 years.

We discussed a new PACRS brochure that would be brought up-to-date. We have 1,000 old brochures. Colette, Scott, Rick and Peter volunteered to work on the project.



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Meeting Adjourned 11:26 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date:  
June 18, 2021**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Colette Camerano - Secretary