



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Virtual Member Meeting December 3, 2021 @ 9:45 a.m. Conference Call

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Rick Georgeson, Virgil Miller, Mark Diedrich, Colette Camerano, Jim Stewart, Peter Manley, Mayo Ewanowski, Gerry Ganther

Members and Guests: Anna James, Lisa Diedrich, Jim Carpenter, Shane Wucherpfennig

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

Secretary's Report: Last meeting was held at the Lure Bar & Grill on October 15th. Minutes have been emailed to members on October 20th. Steve gave a report on our actual finances compared to budget. Scott reported the National Cover Crop virtual meeting was held on November 16 and 17th. Other activities discussed were the Producers of Lake Redstone Field Day, Adams Conservation Day for 5th Graders. Lake Leaders Crew 13 final seminar and graduation, Science by the River event and the Tri Lakes Listening Session. Members voted on officers to serve for the coming year. Officers remain the same. Scott Bordeau (President) Peter Manley (Vice President) Steve Taylor (Treasurer) and Colette Camerano (Secretary). Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Rick Georgeson second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Colette gave the treasurer's report for Steve Taylor. Major expense recently made was \$500.00 to sponsor Discovery Farms conference. Savings account dollars remain unchanged. Steve will provide a year- end summary for PACRS's January 2022 meeting. Peter Manley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mayo Ewanowski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reported PACRS reach on social media is 1400. In the past month 7 new posts were made and 990 "Likes". Kason Morley has resigned from Adams County Land and Water Department. Adams County combined the conservation department with the zoning department. On October 29th, Scott met with Dustin Grant who is now in charge of the combined departments.

On November 8th, the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance had Dr. Paul McGinley discuss land use modeling and nutrient loading to Heather Gayton's Necedah Grade School Class. Heather is the lead farmer with the Roche-A-Cri Producers Group.



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The Town of Rome will have an indoors farmers market at the town hall on January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 8th. Hours are 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adams County Lake Alliance reported at their November 11th meeting that Easton Lake was drained and \$15K in fish stocking was lost.

Garmin on the Lake: During the month of October, Garmin was mapping Lake Petenwell. Their website indicates that sponsorship opportunities are available. Some ideas were discussed.

December 8th, Farmers of Mill Creek will host a lunch and tour with Auburndale High School on inter-seeding projects, tours of plots and presentations from PACRS and FMCWP.

December 9th, EPPIC event “Bridging the Gap between Agronomics and Nutrition. Also, Guardians of Lake Decorah (GOLD) is hosting a holiday party at ShipWreck Bay.

Discovery Farms Conference is December 15th in Wisconsin Dells. PACRS is a sponsor of this event.

The Wisconsin Cover Crop Conference is February 24th, 2022. Sponsorship opportunities are available at different levels. Colette made a motion to donate \$1000 to sponsor the conference. Rick Georgeson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. A link to this conference is provided for more information

<https://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu/events/wisconsin-cover-crops-conference/>

The Wisconsin Lakes Conference is April 6 -8 2022. Theme is “Protecting What We Love for the Future”.

Lake Lot Evaluation Tool: Peter Manley has been following up on Wisconsin progress with the lake lot evaluation tool. The State of Michigan has implemented the tool about 3 years ago. Wisconsin DNR is to follow suit with the tool. Easy evaluation for a lake property owner to complete. The evaluation gives the owner an idea of how they are doing on their lake. If PACRS is a sponsor, we would see the evaluation of properties on our lakes. The tool may be ready in Spring of 2022.



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Conservation Reports -

Wood County – Shane Wucherpennig said they had another great year for farmers implementing no till and cover crops, farmers are on board! Before applying for the 9 Key Element Plan, Wood County tested Mill Creek Watershed at sub-shed for a baseline on phosphorous levels. Repeat testing is done every 6 months. \$650K has been appropriated for Wood and Portage County through the 9 Key Element Plan. Funds are for Phase 1, the first three years. Shane has also contracted with the DNR on 3 MDV projects. On the groundwater front, about 2 years ago, 6 counties collaborated and joined efforts to form CWGWC. Over the past two years, nitrates have been tested in private wells. The goal for 2022 is to finalize data in a report for Wood County.

Adams County: Anna James announced that Adams County has hired, Kyle Kettner, a watershed agronomist. The Land and Water Department is now part of Planning and Zoning. Their department uses a score sheet to assess the shoreline property. The scoresheet is used to provide recommendations. Grant funding for shoreline restoration is available. Anna said the Roche-A-Cri farmers are looking for funding for their farmer led council. If funding wasn't available for this year, they are still going to proceed with plans. Producers are willing to meet with PACRS possibly in January. They would like to start building relationships with the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting Friday, January 21, 2022 - Location Virtual Meeting Conference Call

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary