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***Minutes of PACRS Virtual Member Meeting
January 21, 2022 @ 9:45 a.m.***

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Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Peter Manley, Colette Camerano, Rick Georgeson, Mark Diedrich, Mayo Ewanowski,

Members and Guests: Anna James, Jim Carpenter, Shane Wucherpfennig, Ryan Stockwell, Jeff Tapper, Colton Hutchinson, Rachael Whitehair, Kyle Kettner, Scott Provost, Eva Felix and Patrick Oldenburg

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Last meeting was a virtual meeting held on December 3rd. Minutes from the meeting were emailed on 12/29. Colette provided highlights from that meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Post meeting, members approved a donation of \$250.00 to sponsor Healthy Soils Healthy Farms with Gabe Brown on February 8th at the Baraboo Performing Art Center. Rick Georgeson made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Mayo Ewanowski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current balances in our checking and savings accounts. A comparison of deposits from 2020 to 2021 was made. Steve said he has filed our 2021 IRS form 990-N. Steve will give Colette a copy of PACRS' year-end bank statements. Peter Manley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Colette Camerano seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Carbon Farming & Carbon Markets: Ryan Stockwell joined our meeting to discuss carbon farming. Ryan is the Agronomy Strategy Manager at Indigo Ag, Inc. Ryan began his discussion with crop field pictures side by side. The field that was no-til and cover cropped held the soil and was able to harvest soybeans 72 hours after a 1.5-inch

rainfall. The other field was tilled and not cover cropped. The farmer harvested the soybeans 72 hours after a half inch rain and the field had ruts and compressed soil. He estimated 10-15% yield loss. Ryan discussed 1 ton of carbon dioxide is the same anywhere in the world. Reduction in carbon dioxide is a win for everyone. Carbon farming requires farmers to plant more perennials early in the year, add cover crops to their fields and practice no-till so that no carbon is released into the air. Indigo provides the farmer with carbon credits. Basically, farmers get paid for storing carbon and reducing emission through carbon farming. The grower has to add new practices to qualify for carbon credits. Indigo operates in 20 other states. Wisconsin was brought on board in May 2021. They have started to build partnerships in Wisconsin.

Communication Report: Scott reported:

- He attended an event at Eron Event Barn on December 8th. John Eron was presented an award “Invader Crusader Award” by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council. Presentations were given by Auburndale High School on inter-seeding projects, PACRS and Wood County Conservation Dept. Field tours were held in the afternoon.
- PACRS donated \$250.00 to sponsor the Healthy Soils Healthy Farms conference hosted by Sauk Soil and Water Improvement Group (SSWIG) on February 8th in Baraboo.
- Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability will be held on Tuesday February 15th at Mid-States Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids.
- The 2022 WI Cover Crop Conference will be held February 24th in Rothschild WI. PACRS donated \$1,000 to sponsor this conference. Two complimentary passes were available. Rick Georgeson and Colette Camerano will be attending.
- Wisconsin Land and Water Conference is March 2nd – 4th. The conference was just changed to a virtual conference this past week. It was scheduled to be at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. PACRS has previously been a sponsor of this conference. Colette Camerano made a motion to donate \$1,000 to WI Land and Water for their conference. Rick Georgeson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Water Week is April 6 – 8th at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. There is a 20% off the registration if registered before March 1st.

Conservation Reports -

Adams County - Anna James reported that the Roche-A-Cri farmers held a meeting at Heartland Farms on January 18th. The group has received funding for forming their farmer led council. This was their kick off meeting since receiving their grant award. They talked about advertising, pollinator plots and deliverables on YouTube. In addition, their department is planning for summer.

Wood County - Shane Wucherpennig said the forecast for 2022 is to work with multiple funding sources. All of Wood County drains into the Wisconsin TMDL project except for the Black River which flows to the Mississippi River. 3 MDV projects are paying for PH reductions on land. They have had a successful 2021 with the number of

acres planted with no-til and cover crops. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a PH reduction program funded by Fed, State and County governments. The Wood County CREP acres will reduce 6,000 of phosphorous on land. Remember, 1 lb. of phosphorous will fuel 500 lb. of algae bloom. TRM dollars have stabilized 3,000 feet of shoreland with rip rap in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The Central Wisconsin Profitability will be an in-person event on February 15th.

Other: Scott thanked PACRS board members; Peter Manley, Jim Stewart, Rick Georgeson and Colette Camerano for work they did on the new PACRS brochure. The brochure is currently being edited by Terra Firma and will be sent back to us for final approval and printing.

Colette Camerano said this is the time of year that PACRS has made an annual donation to the River Alliance of Wisconsin. They have been our go to source for compliance and other issues. Colette made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin. Scott Bordeau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Friday, March 18th, 2022 - Location Virtual Meeting Conference Call

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary