



Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting

April 22, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Members and Guests: Jim Carpenter, John Endrizzi, Don Kempen, Linda Walters, Mike Walters, Lannie Cunningham, Debbie Jasiczek, Pat Oldenburg, Scott Provost, David Trudeau, Kyle Kettner, Jacki Koll, Sally Geiger, Shane Wucherpfennig, Wayne Gjersvig

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Colette gave highlights from the last PACRS meeting (virtual call) on March 18th. Minutes were emailed and mailed to members on March 23rd. Steve Taylor gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and passed to reimburse PACRS members the cost of the registration if they attended the Wisconsin Lakes Conference. Updates were given by PACRS members who attended several conferences in the first quarter of the year. The new PACRS brochure is finished and the board approved 3,000 brochures to be printed. Conservation reports were given by Wood and Juneau counties. Colette is working on a renewal mailing. Meeting adjourned at 11:35. Virgil Miller made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Rick Georgeson second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current balances in our checking and savings accounts. The cost of printing the brochures was \$1320. Steve presented the 2022 budget. A motion was made by Mark Diedrich to accept the Treasurer's report. Peter Manley second the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Jacki Koll made mention

that grants are available for tourism. PACRS could apply for a grant at “Visit Rome”
The next grants are available October 1st.

TMDL Update: Patrick Oldenburg provided the latest information on the TMDL. Many members raised their hands when asked if the water was clearer last year. Pat said the reason in part is that the phosphorous has gone down for the past 20 years. Permitted Municipal Stormwater plants are required to report on stats this spring. In Spring 2023, plans are due as to how to achieve TMDL reductions. There are currently 48 out of 105 permits issued to Wastewater Treatment Plants under the TMDL. Producer Led Groups are expanding. New groups are the Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri and Farmers of the Lemonweir Valley. They join 6 other groups in the WRB TMDL project area. Pat discussed grants available under the TMDL. Four 9Key Element Plans were approved in the WRB TMDL. Pat’s entire presentation can be found at

<http://www.pacrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/TMDL-UPdate-PACRS-4.22.22.pdf>

Communications Report:

Wisconsin Lakes Conference Colette and Rick attended the Wisconsin Lakes Conference on April 6 – 8th in Stevens Point. Colette said that Thursday lunch speaker was Governor Tony Evers who discussed his efforts toward clean water for all and the importance of water to the economy and culture of our state. There was an Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening. Congratulations to:

“Wisconsin Lake Stewardship” – Black Oak :Lake Preservation Foundation

“Excellence in Public Engagement” – Candy Ramsay, Spider Chain of Lakes

“Excellence in Building Partnerships” – Bill Boettge, Beaver Dam Lake Dodge Cnty

Friday’s keynote speaker was Chad Pregracke, 2013 CNN Hero of the Year. Chad talked about his love of the Mississippi River and his journey to clean it up. He is the founder of “Living Lands and Waters”. Here is a link to his 2013 interview with CNN.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gli6LANUYVs>

Farmers of Roche-a-Cri: Rick and Scott attended their meeting on April 13th. This group is now holding regular meetings.

14MWA: Next meeting is May 9th at the Sherwood Lodge lower level. Group meets at 6:00 p.m. PACRS members are welcome to attend. They are also hosting their State-of-our-Lakes presentation / lunch at the Rome Town Hall on June 4th.

Clean Water Update: Colette is asking Juneau County Board Members to support the Clean Water Now referendum on the November ballots. Scott is working with the Adams County board. This is a bipartisan issue. Wisconsinites deserve the right to clean water. The proposed question on the ballot is “Should the State of Wisconsin

establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin?" In the April election, this referendum passed in Eau Claire County with 79% of the votes and La Crosse County with 86% of the votes. They join Marquette, Portage and Wood counties who passed the referendums in 2021. More information about Clean Water Now can be found here:

[Homepage - River Alliance of WI \(wisconsinrivers.org\)](http://wisconsinrivers.org)

Brochures: Brochures are here for distribution. Please take some for the businesses around your lake. Colette has a list of businesses where they were placed before.

Other: Don Kempen (Consolidated Musky Club of WI Rapids) gave us an update of fish stocking his group has been working on. His organization this year will stock fish in Nepco Lake, Bulls Creek and Petenwell Lake. The yearlings are all about 13 inches. Their cost for planting these fish will be \$5450. Colette made a motion to donate \$1500. To Consolidated Musky Club for their fish planting. Virgil Miller second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Next Meeting Friday May 20, 2022
Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Ln.
Nekoosa, WI

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary