



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting
May 20, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.
Lure Bar & Grill - Nekoosa***

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

Members and Guests: Jim Carpenter, Tom Camerano, Sally Geiger, Lisa Diedrich, Dustin Ladd, Karin Ganther, Jim Markland, Jacki Koll, Lisa Kubis, Anna James, Jim Carpenter, Jerry Kosharek

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

Secretary's Report: Colette reported the last meeting was held on April 22nd at the Lester Public Library. Minutes were emailed and mailed on May 3rd. Steve reported on current bank balances. The cost of printing the new brochures was \$1320. The budget for 2022 was presented and approved. Patrick Oldenburg updated members on the status and progress of the Wisconsin River TMDL. His entire presentation has been posted to our website. Updates were given on the Wisconsin Lakes conference, Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri, 14MWA and Clean Water Now activity. This past April, the counties of Eau Claire and La Crosse passed the Clean Water Now referendum. PACRS made a donation of \$1500. to Consolidated Musky Club of WI Rapids for stocking fish in Lake Petenwell. Brochures are available for distribution. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. A motion was made by Virgil Miller to accept the Secretary's report. Steve Taylor second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current balances in our checking and savings accounts. Total deposits for the month were \$2653.00 primarily from membership renewals. Steve provided PACRS with the April bank statement showing the month activity. A motion was made by Gerry Ganther to accept the Treasurer's report. Mark Diedrich second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Visit Rome: Lisa Kubis joined our meeting to discuss "Who Exactly is Visit Rome"? Visit Rome is classified by the state of Wisconsin as a DMO (Destination Marketing Organization). As the independent tourism entity for the Town of Rome, their organization is responsible for overseeing expenditures for Tourism Promotion and Tourism Development. These expenditures are funded solely by room tax dollars

collected from paid overnight stays in the town of Rome. Concert offerings in the Rome Town Center Gazebo will begin Friday, June 3rd, with Bluegrass Music with Art Stevenson and High Water kicks it off at 7:00 p.m. Go to visitromewi.com for the summer schedules and times. Visit Rome has expanded their grant program in 2021 awarding significant dollars for local projects. Visit Rome has an office in the Rome Realty building.

Conservation Reports:

Juneau County: Dustin Ladd, Juneau County Conservationist, joined our meeting and provided updates on work he is doing with the Farmers of the Lemonweir Valley and Producers of Lake Redstone Watershed. Guardians of Lake Decorah (GOLD) were successful in raising funds to purchase a weed harvesting machine. GOLD and the Farmers of Lemonweir Valley are hosting an event on June 24th at Riverside Park in Mauston from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a free event with food, beverages, a weed harvest demonstration. GOLD has won the Wisconsin Rural Partners award for “Rural Development Initiative for 2022”. Dustin said they will also be doing free water testing in the county. E-coli has been added to the water test. 500 wells have been tested in the county.

Adams County: Anna James, Water Resource Specialist, - Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri will be hosting their kickoff event, *Precision Agriculture & Its Effects on Soil Health*, on **June 28th!** This event will be held at Heartland Farms. They will start with a two-hour learning session where you will hear from a Pheasants Forever precision ag. specialist, and then cover some precision ag. techniques that Heartland uses. Following the learning session, there will be a short Q&A. To end the night, Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri are inviting everyone to a hog roast....and yes, they will be providing beer! Not only will this be a great learning experience, but it is a fantastic opportunity to relax, socialize, and create new relationships! Scott Bordeau made a motion to donate \$200.00 for this event. Colette Camerano second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Kyle Kettner, Adams County Watershed Coordinator is coordinating a farm **tour with Leola Cranberry Company on June 9th at 5:00 p.m.** This tour will take place at 197 6th Ave. Bancroft, WI. It will feature not only a tour of the operation but also a presentation by Alison Jonjak, UW Extension specialist for Cranberry production. She'll be speaking on the ways cranberry operations interact with nutrients! All are welcome to attend.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau said that we received notice that Lynda Everson is stepping down from the PACRS board effective immediately. They are in the process of moving to the Madison area. Lynda served on the PACRS board for 8 years, since 2014. She would have completed her current term at our annual meeting in September. Colette stated that it was Lynda's idea to change our logo to “Improving Water Quality Together”. She will be missed.

PACRS now has 1155 “Likes” on Facebook.

On Tuesday night, May 17th, the Adams County board voted 14-5 to approve adding a Clean Water Now referendum question to the local ballots on November 8th. The question will read: "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?" A special thanks to the Land and Water committee members who helped get its approval and onto the county board's agenda. Colette and Mark offered to attend the land and water committee meeting in Juneau County to discuss Clean Water Now. Dustin said the next meeting was Thursday, June 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Johnson Bridgewater, will attend our PACRS meeting on June 17th to discuss the Clean Water program.

14MWA will host their State-of-our-Lakes event at the Town of Rome Hall on Saturday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. This is a free event and food will be served.

The Town of Quincy is donating \$850.00 to PACRS! Scott will attend their meeting on June 23rd to accept their donation. Virgil Miller stated the donation was voted on by residents at the town's annual meeting.

Again, this year, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers will be "Cleaning Up the River" and are looking for PACRS volunteers to help. Last year we took down dilapidated duck blinds and trash from the islands on Castle Rock Lake. This year's clean-up day is Saturday; July 16th and we will meet at Waller's Pond launch at 8:00 a.m. Please let Colette know if you are able to assist. Scott Bordeau will be going this year. Others?

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**Next Meeting Friday June 17th, 2022
Lakeside Waterfront Restaurant & Bar
1947 Dakota Ln, Friendship, WI.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary