



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting
July 15th 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.
Shipwreck Bay***

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Steve Taylor, Peter Manley, Colette Camerano, Gerry Ganther, Jim Stewart, Rick Georgeson, Mayo Ewanowski

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Karin Ganther, Bill Bittner, Barbara Baker, Steve Schmidt, Cheryl Schmidt, Camron Lafferty, Gail Rollins, Sarah Fleck, Kyle Kettner, Chris Zindorf, Dennis Stalsberg, Cindy Stalsberg, Jeff Freitag, Jeff Schryver, Mark Pfost

Guest Speaker: Scott Provost

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

Secretary's Report: Colette reported the June meeting was held on June 17th at Lakeside Waterfront Restaurant. Minutes were emailed or mailed to members on July 7th. They are also posted to our web site. A summary of those minutes:

- Steve Taylor reported on current bank balances . Steve provided PACRS with the current bank statements showing balances on checking and savings accounts.
- Jackie Koll from Visit Rome presented PACRS with a donation of \$780.00. The check is from promotional items sold at the Town of Rome Farmers Market.
- Johnson Bridgewater from the River Alliance of Wisconsin discussed their Clean Water Now program. Adam County Board recently voted to add the referendum to their November ballot. Juneau County Land and Water Committee approved the referendum and on June 21st the county board will vote whether or not to put it on the ballot. The question is simple "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."
- Sarah Fleck gave the update for Juneau County. There will be a weed harvester demonstration on June 24th at Riverside Park in Mauston.
- Shane Wucherpfennig gave an update on what is happening in Wood County. Lots of cover crops. They are doing county wide well testing. The CSGCC is meeting on June 27th at the Hancock Research Center.

- Kyle Kettner from Adams County said they are also doing well sampling in the 14 Mile Watershed. The Leola Cranberry tour had 23 participants from Rome.
- Scott Bordeau updated members on past and upcoming events.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.
- Jim Stewart made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Gerry Ganther second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

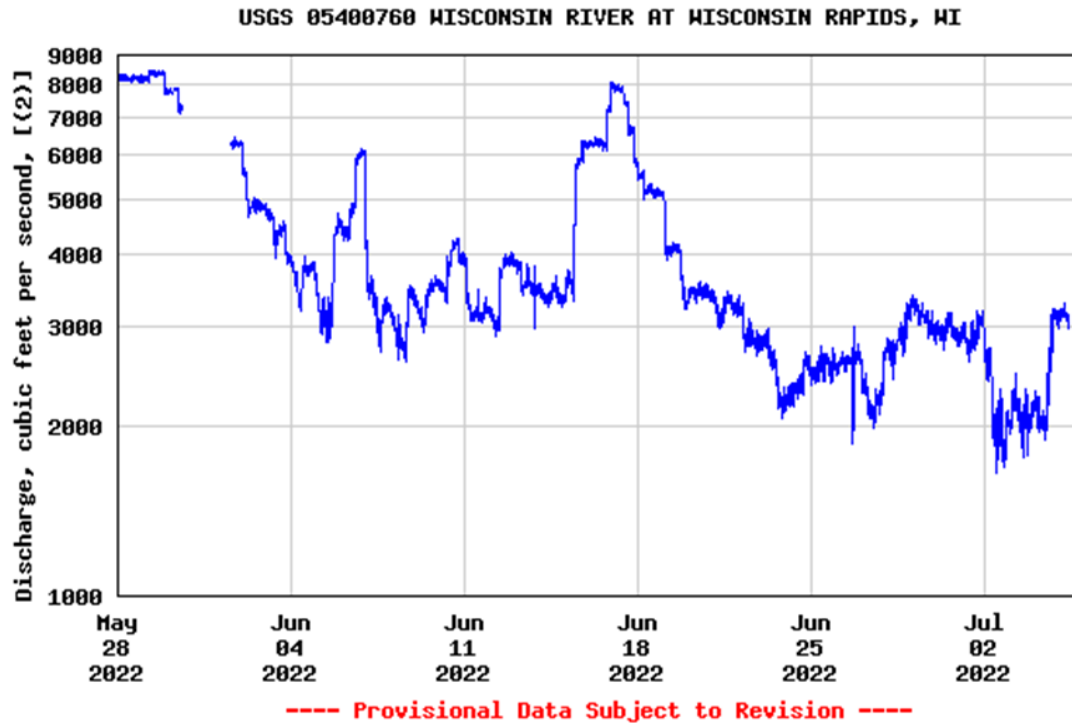
Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current balances in our checking and savings accounts. The funds deposited are very close to what we budgeted for the year. A motion was made by Colette Camerano to accept the Treasurer's report. Barbara Baker second the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Conservation Reports:

Juneau County: Sarah Fleck joined our meeting. The Farmers of the Lemonweir are planning a field day for early September. The Lake Redstone Farmers are planning their field day for the end of September. Sarah said that the Clean Water Now referendum passed the Juneau County Board on June 21st and it will be on the November election ballots. Chris Zindorf, Juneau County Supervisor, was present and thanked the Juneau County Land and Water Committee and PACRS for their support of Clean Water Now program.

Adams County: Kyle Kettner, Watershed Coordinator for the 14 Mile Watershed, Adams County, gave the update. He has been collaborating with the Farmers of Roche-A-Cri. Kyle does crop surveys in the northern part of the county to check out the agriculture fields. Their department is in the process of reviewing doing social surveys. 14 Mile Watershed Alliance want to do the survey with lake owners and another for farmers. Anna James has been conducting well sampling by township. UW Stevens Point will test the samples. Precision Ag Day at Heartland Farms was a success with 73 people attending. Potato crop fields are rotated with carrots on the off year. Farmers trade fields to plant specialized crops. "Grow and Tell" with Coloma Farms will be held on July 18th. Please register to attend. Colette will send out the link to all members.

BGA Algae FAQ status: Scott Provost, WDNR Water Resource Specialist, joined our meeting to discuss blue green algae. PACRS has received a number of inquiries as to what is happening. Scott Provost said that blue green algae appeared in Lake Superior last year for the first time ever. Nutrient loads are coming down the river and BGA is tied to flows, temperature and nutrient dynamics. When water flow is low and the temperature warms up, the phosphorous and nitrogen come up. Today, the flows on Petenwell are double due to the recent 3" to 5" of rainfall in Wisconsin Rapids. Our waters are better when the flow is at 6,000 cubic feet per second and higher.



The above chart shows the river flow drastically changed after June 18 due to the lack of rainfall.

The Central Sands Region is unique because we have the highest nitrogen in the state. Since the TMDL has been approved, the DNR has reissued 105 permits (50%) with new TMDL limits. Multi Discharge Variance (MDV) is used in approx. 25% of permits. Scott said “Water Quality Start on Land.” 21% of the state surface area drains to the Wisconsin River. Scott encourages PACRS and the other 7 groups in our watershed to work together. 9 Key Element Plans force implementation. Collaboration and innovation are critical to our water quality. Producer led groups are the most innovative and have the solution. Best Management Practices are key and almost all voluntary. The lake associations should form a consortium or alliance. It would be nice to have a basin wide group for our watershed. Scott’s presentation is on our website. Here’s the link. <http://www.pacrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PACRS-7-15-2022.pdf>

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
Friday August 19th 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
The Lure Bar & Grill
1735 Archer Ln. Nekoosa, WI.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary