



***Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting
October 21, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.
The Lure Bar & Grill***

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

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Karin Ganther, Kyle Kettner, Dennis Glidden, Star Ann Lemar, Dustin Ladd, Shane Wucherpfennig, Paul & Trinette Carney, Mike & Chris Turok, David Trudeau, Michael Walters, Wayne Gjersvig, Grafton Hull, Colton Hutchinson, Anna James,

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

Secretary's Report: Colette reported the August was held August 19th at the Lure. Minutes of the meeting were emailed or mailed to members on September 1st. Colette summarized the meeting. Jim Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Virgil Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Our annual meeting was held on September 16th at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. Minutes from that meeting were email and mailed on October 7th. At that meeting Steve Taylor updated members on bank balances and major expenditures for 2022. Brad Strobel, Wildlife Biologist at the refuge, discussed the Little Yellow River project. 100 years ago, the river was straightened and made wider and deeper. They are removing the dams so the river can meander again. Brad said they are restoring 18 to 20 miles of the river. Scott Bordeau gave a presentation of the Year in Review. His presentation is on the website. Members present, by show of hands, removed the 6 consecutive year restriction. Board members to serve another 2 -year term are; Gerry Ganther, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor and Scott Bordeau. A motion was made by Steve Taylor to accept the minutes from our annual meeting. Gerry Ganther seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor updated members are current bank balances. A motion was made by Jim Stewart to accept the Treasurer's report. Mayo Ewanowski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Transitioning: Ann James announced that she accepted a position with UW-Extension as a Regional Natural Resources Educator effective October 24th. She will continue to support PACRS and the 14Mile Watershed Alliance in her new role. Anna was the Water Resource Specialist with Adams County the past 2 years.

Communications Report: Scott Bordeau reminded everyone that the Clean Water Now will be a referendum on the Juneau and Adams counties ballot on November 8th. Scott has yard posters if you would like one. We should start to see the advertising that the River Alliance has done locally. They will be using print and social media. The purpose of this referendum is to show our elected officials to take action to protect our waters.

Scott discussed the need for PACRS to switch to a new web-site. Our current website is cumbersome to use and outdated. The software is no longer supported. He has been looking at services provided by Town Web. There is a set up fee of \$1600 and that includes a feed to Facebook. Thereafter, the monthly fee for maintenance and support is \$80.00. Members had questions that Scott will discuss with the company. Some concerns were analytics and credit card processing.

An email was received by Discovery Farms to support their annual conference to be held on December 14th in Wisconsin Dells. PACRS has donated to them in previous years. A motion was made by Rick Georgeson to donate \$500.00 to sponsor their conference. Mayo Ewanowski seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. PACRS will receive one complimentary registration with our sponsorship.

Election of Officers: Rick Georgeson explained that directors are elected at our annual meeting which was held in September. At the following meeting, the officers are elected by the board of directors. Rick nominated Scott Bordeau to continue his role as President, Colette Camerano to continue her role as Secretary, Steve Taylor to continue his role as Treasurer and Peter Manley to continue his role as Vice President. All officers were approved by the board.

Linking the WI River Basin Groups: Scott Provost was not able to join our meeting. Colton Hutchinson did attend and discussed the possibility of getting the WI River citizens groups together for a meeting 1Q 2023. This group could be similar to the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. There are a number of citizens groups and 8 farmer led councils in the WI River Watershed.

Conservation Reports:

Adams County: Anna James provided the update for Adams County. The county hosted the 5th Grade Conservation Day on September 22nd. The event was held at Roche-A-Cri State Park. Anna said there are 10 active projects in the county for Healthy Lakes. Kyle Kettner has asked PACRS for a Letter of Support for the 14 Mile Watershed.

Juneau County: Dustin Ladd said they had 2 field day tours in his county in September, both tours were successful. Dustin said the bids to purchase a no-till drill are due back on November 3rd. Central Sands Dairy is closing. There will be long term water monitoring around the site. The county will be sending out letters to private well owners that have tested high in nitrates above the drink water standard. Reverse Osmosis systems will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Wood County: Shane commented that his department continues to do lots of work on 9Key Element and TMDL Plans. Reduction in phosphorous is happening with 3 watershed grants. He is having lots of cover crop discussion and cost sharing. His department had a conservation tour with the 3 combined committees in Wood County. They saw the 1200 acres of solar panels. The solar field provides electricity for 40,000 homes. The Marshfield UW Campus says all industries are struggling with staff. UW Marshfield is working with 11 school districts on forming specialty groups that will target the middle school students.

Other: Peter Manley asked about PACRS program for rewarding the farmers for their conservation work. The last award was 2 years ago. Colette will send the questionnaire out to the county conservationists for recommendations. We will work to select a farmer(s) in December.

Dave Trudeau reminded everyone that the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance meets the 2nd Monday of the Month at the Sherwood Lodge at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting:

No meeting in November

Next meeting December 2, 2022 Location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colette Camerano - Secretary