



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

***Minutes of PACRS
April 19, 2024
The Lure Bar and Grill
10:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.***

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

Members & Guests in attendance: John & Jeannie Endrizzi, Wayne Gjersvig, Shane Wucherpfennig, Star Ann Lemar, Dennis Glidden, Grafton Hull, Fred Dudek, Carl Hasdal, Lauren Lueneburg, Joe Miller, Jim Carpenter, Ken Winters, Heather Gayton, Tom Camerano

Call to Order: President, Scott Bordeau, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Scott welcomed everyone and began the meeting with introductions from all present.

Secretary's Report: Colette stated the last PACRS meeting was held on March 15th at the Monroe Center Town Hall. Minutes were posted to PACRS website on March 28th. Short recap of the minutes:

- Treasurer's report provided updates to account balances.
- Dan Kane of Kane's Sandy Ridge came to discuss his family's interest in establishing a conservation easement on their 435 – acre property. Their property is located on a tributary of the WI River and Castle Rock Lake. Dan is applying to the Forest Legacy Program for funding and he needs letters of support for his project. Members agreed that PACRS should provide the letter of support.
- We discussed past events that were attended by members.
- Wisconsin Trap Shooting Assoc should disclose how they dispose of lead on the range before we move forward with volunteering.
- Conservation reports were given by Wood County.

A motion was made John Endrizzi to accept the secretary's report. Motion was second by Mayo Ewanowski. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor gave current balance information on our checking and savings accounts. Steve provided Colette with copies of the bank statements through April 15th. Rick Georgeson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Grafton Hull second the motion. All in favor, motion passed..



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Communication Report:

- Scott provided feedback from the WI River Meet and Greet meeting. 2/3/ of the people attending responded to the survey. Overall said it was a good event but there were complaints about the technical difficulties with the audio equipment.
- PACRS wrote a letter to support Kane's Sandy Ridge quest to establish a conservation easement. The resolution passed the Adams County Land and Water Committee on April 9th and the County Board on April 12th.
- Scott B and Rick G attended the EPPIC "Common Ground" event on March 21st. 70 - 80 people attended. It was an evening of socializing, networking and dinner with people from Marathon County. One farmer, Keith Bauman, owns a 350 - acre farm in the Fenwood Creek Pilot Program. Keith has been able to reduce his PH levels on his crop land from 7 down to 1. Keith will be speaking at the CWFPE on April 24th.
- CWFPE is March 24th at Mid States Technical College. Registration ended on April 18th. 50 people have registered to attend.
- Scott said there is a revenue opportunity for PACRS if we want to attend and work the Lola Car Show on July 11-13th. They are offering \$8.00 an hour to work the show plus free entry.
- WI Trap Shooting Association – no information from them how they dispose of lead contaminates from the range.
- WI Lakes and Rivers 50th Golden Jubilee was held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point on April 10-12. Board members, Scott B, Rick G, Mayo E and Colette attended the event. There were workshops on just about everything lakes. The conference was well attended. Thursday night was the awards banquet and Tracy Arnold, Portage County Land and Water Conservation Division, won the award for Excellence in Professional Service. Congratulations to Tracy.
- Adams County is doing private well testing this year. Test kits are free for the first 50 registrants per municipality. The municipalities being offered free testing are Strongs Prairied, Adams and Lincoln. The kits are the "homeowners" package from UW-Stevens Point Water Lab. It is a 7- panel test looking for the most common contaminants, mainly bacteria and nitrates but includes 5 other important parameters. It is a \$60.00 value for free! Participants are also invited to an educational seminar with UWSP's Kevin Maserik to answer questions and help participants interpret their results. The flyer will be distributed to PACRS members.
- Colette attended a Citizens Gound Water of Wood County meeting on April 15th. The group is trying to get the word out to private well owners to have their wells tested. Jen McNelly, UW-Extension Groundwater Natural Resources Educator joined the group discussion. They are going to look into having a booth at the Central Wisconsin State Fair in Marshfield where people can bring in a sample of their well water and have it tested for nitrates on the spot.



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- PACRS Board Member, Lisa Manzardo, recently attended a Meat Raffle held at Buckhorn Bar and Grill. The money collected is donated to a local non-profit. Lisa suggested PACRS for the donation and dropped off the \$165.00 donation. Thanks Lisa and Buckhorn Grill!

Conservation Reports:

Wood County:

Shane Wucherpfnennig said that plans for the CWFPE are moving along. The event will be held on April 24, 2024 at Mid States Technical College in WI Rapids from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be two panels. One panel will be Farmer Panel and the second will be a Producer Led Watershed Panel. Registrations are being handled by MSTC. The event is free to attend and a complimentary lunch will be served.

The Mill Creek Farmers are in Phase 2 of the TMDL project. Shane has a few MDV projects underway. Wood County received an Innovation Grant. Ed Hernandez, County Conservationist, of Waushara County has retired. Nepco Lake is in the process of forming a Lake District.

Shane talked about Golden Sands Research and Development and their projects. They have 4 offices across Wisconsin. The Golden Sands near us serves 12 counties in its division.

Other:

Adams County will have their Agriculture and Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 4th. The collection site is 1420 State Rd 21, Friendship. Contact the Adams County office at 608-339-9178 for more information. This service is for Adams County residents and farmers only.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, May 17th 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Necedah Town Hall

101 Center Street

Necedah, WI. 54646

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano

Secretary