

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Attending this meeting: Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Joe Zakovec, Dave Hoffman, Andy Selle

Absent: Lindsey Schreiner, Karl Brandstaetter, Carl Korfmacher, Eric Compas

President, Jane Carlson, called the meeting to order at 5:15.

1. Introductions: None.

2. Approval of 1-25-17 Minutes:

Dave will have January and February's minutes ready by next meeting in March.

3. Announcements:

a. Janesville Monterey Dam Removal/Fix: City of Janesville contacted Andy Selle looking for a letter of support for removal of the Monterey Dam on behalf of RRC. Andy has already drafted a letter in support of removal which was emailed to RRC board. Andy handed out map of dam and discussed what the removal of the dam would do for the Rock River. There are no concerns on having contaminated materials from GM plant moving downstream. There is another community engagement meeting tonight in Janesville. Janesville City Council plans to vote March 27th on whether the city should remove the dam or repair it. Dave moved to send the letter of recommendation for removal of the dam to Janesville; seconded by Andy; motion carried.

Friends of Badfish Creek are receiving grants for an interpretive sign at their kiosk and would like RRC to write a letter of support. The board discussed the process of how RRC Chapters should not be applying for their own grants and that RRC should administer all grants that RRC chapters would like to apply for. For any RRC Chapter grant the RRC Board must pass a resolution and be signed by the RRC president.

Andy had to leave board meeting after Monterey Dam discussion.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Patricia distributed the year-to-date financial reports and went over recent revenue and expenditure activities. Not much activity to report for year-to-date expenses/incomes. We've seen an increase in memberships and it appears we are ahead of the game for 2017 with more municipals memberships to come. No quorum was available to accept Treasurer's Report.

5. Membership Update:

Patricia handed out the updated membership report. Went over some details in Treasurer's Report in regards to increased membership activity. Tara will send out membership reminder letters in the next couple of weeks.

6. Stream Monitoring Report:

Nancy has 6 training workshops scheduled for spring. Working with Oconomowoc Wastewater Facility to do a training with them as well. They've agreed to fund 8 monitoring kits for their volunteers. The

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volunteers will do Total Phosphorous sampling which the Oconomowoc Wastewater Treatment Facility has agreed to analyze the samples.

Nancy is continuing work with Yahara WINS and will finalize the Year 4 grant by the end of March.

Also, Nancy reported she needs to finalize the interactive map relating to the basin report card and would like to create a uniform look among all maps. The board thought this project was complete after the maps were published on website and the board will need to discuss other projects needs with Nancy by next board meeting. Board did not see a need to have uniform maps as many of our maps do not come from the same source and are often done by in-kind professional volunteers or municipalities donating their time. This makes it difficult to produce the same type of map and would require more effort to cartographers to make the map.

Volunteer monitors will host a station at the Sustainable Janesville Event and also display information on Testing the Waters.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Rock River Recovery (TMDL Implementation):

a. Rock River Stormwater Group:

The EPA approved the DNRs Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) for Total Phosphorous which allows an additional and less-costly compliance option for eligible point sources. This allows for a 10 year extension to municipalities trying to be compliant with the TMDL.

8. Brief Updates:

a. Chapter News: Friends of Badfish Creek are in the process of securing grants to fund their plans to improve the kiosk and canoe/kayak launch at Badfish Creek Wildlife Area. Board discussed earlier in meeting (see minutes) on the proper methods for RRC Chapters to apply for grants.

b. Fundraising: Board members discussed the businesses they contacted. Board is asked to keep up on their contacts and those not present to make 3 contacts by next meeting.

c. The Big Share: Suzanne sent a draft email for peer review that will be sent out the day of the Big Share- Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The board is asked to share this mailer on all media outlets possible.

d. Membership Survey: Dave did not have time to review Stream Monitoring Survey, and will hopefully have something by next meeting.

e. Customer Relations Management Options and other IT needs: Tara recommended LGL but only if we could customize it to better suit our needs. If we aren't capable of customizing LGL then it might be worth staying with Access. Tara also mentioned that updating our version of QuickBooks could allow for better management of membership data.

9. Retreat Part 2:

Jane sent out doodle pool for dates to have our second retreat.

10. Next Newsletter:

Dave has been working with contributing authors and has a good start on gathering enough articles for the spring newsletter. Deadline is Thursday, April 6.

11. RRTI Grand Opening:

Grand Opening is planned for June 3 (National Trails Day) in Beloit at the Rotary River Center. Events will take place at various river communities up and down the Rock River. Kevin Wiesmann of

Jefferson County Parks has asked Patricia if RRC would like to be part of their paddle down the Rock for the Grand Opening of the RRT.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Annual Meeting:

Jane asked if May 9th will work for our Annual Meeting. We discussed the different categories and potential award winners. Dave will send email out to all board members asking for their input on awards nominees. Discussion on venue for the annual meeting. Also, need for presenter/presentation ideas.

13. Board Member Recruiting:

Jane and Lyndsey will officially be rolling off the board in May.

Adjourn at 7:20