



Our Mission:

"To educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic resources of the Rock River Basin"

Rock River Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting
UW-Extension, Jefferson, WI
February 23, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm by President Lisa Conley.

Attendance: Those in attendance were Lisa Conley, Scott Taylor, Patricia Cicero, Suzanne Wade, Ken Wiesner, Tim Reel, Tracey Novak and Jan Ruster.

Approval of Minutes: A correction to the 11/11/08 minutes was noted. Minutes from the 11/11/08 and 1/10/09 meetings were approved on a motion from Wade and a second from Reel. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Ruster reviewed the project summary sheet. It was noted the Citizen Monitoring, Wetland Monitoring, Lake Planning and Alliant Energy Grants could be taken off of this list. The River Planning Grant term is being extended. The treasurers report was approved on a motion from Wade and a second from Reel. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Grant Status~ Cicero recapped a meeting held on Jan. 22, 2009 with RRC, DNR and USFWS in Horicon. This meeting was held to review (2) River Planning Grants and an appropriations request. The appropriations request was revamped and any changes will be submitted as a revision. One of the River Planning Grants is moving forward to a draft status and one is still being reviewed to make sure it is a good fit for the RRC. The meeting clarified many questions revolving around these grants.

Water Star~ Wade noted that the first part of the report has been completed and a final report is on the horizon. In addition, Wade reviewed some of the steps the group is discussing as part of the Water Star Program development. The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2009.

Issue Teams~ Some of the "issue teams" have had some questions regarding the proper use of the GFLOW Model and how it can be fully utilized by municipalities. Also, if disseminated would attached disclaimers be a good idea in dealing with boundary issues.

Stormwater Group~ The RRC is a non-voting member of the newly formed municipal stormwater group. Currently, 8 applications have been received for the Stormwater Education position. This position is being funded by permitted municipalities in the area who are working cooperatively towards a stormwater educational program. Hopefully, this position will be filled and working by April 1, 2009.

Basin Educators~ Wade noted that UW-Extension Basin Educator program will possibly not be funded after July 1, 2009. This decision is in the hands of the joint finance committee. A motion was made by Cicero and seconded by Wiesner to write a letter in support of restoring funding to the Basin Educator position based upon recommendations received. Motion carried.

GFLOW~ The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2009. Currently, this model is undergoing another level of review prior to its release.

Part-time Assistant~ Wade and Conley will meet with Grunden to discuss and clarify feasibilities for this position.

New Business:

Badfish Creek~ The FBCW have submitted the grant for Aquatic Invasive Species. This deals with removal and strategies in dealing with Japanese Knotweed. Also, a motion was made by Wiesner and seconded by Wade to support FBCW in partnering with MMSD on public informational meeting pertaining to MMSD's 50 year plan. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting~ Reel will be seeking locations to hold the annual meeting scheduled for May 12, 2009. Several ideas were discussed and plans will be finalized shortly.

River Alliance Joint Membership~ Ken and Scott will be working on this issue.

Election of Officers~ Please review the membership list for people that would be interested in joining the RRC as officers. Those up for election at the Annual Meeting are: Reel, Novak and Wiesner.

Personnel Reviews~ Discussion. If you have any comments or thoughts please call Wiesner or Conley to discuss prior to March 10th. Employee reviews will take place on March 10 and 12, 2009.

Display~ The RRC display board will be updated prior to Conservation Lobby day.

Google Acct.~ Conley has been working with the Google Groups format as a way to communicate and house information in a better fashion for the RRC. A discussion followed. Some were having issues with the formats.

Regents Teaching Excellence Award~ Per discussion Conley said she would draft a letter of support recommending the Wisconsin Basin Education Program be nominated for this award.

Other Business:

Newsletter~ The deadline for the next newsletter is March 27, 2009. Article ideas are: SYLDR and Annual Meeting updates.

Next Meeting~ March 10, 2009- Board of Directors, March 9, 2009-Budget and Finance

Conservation Lobby Day~ February 25, 2009. A motion was made by Wiesner and seconded by Ruster to contribute a \$50.00 donation to the educational branch of the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Ruster and second from Wiesner. Motion carried.

