



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 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Conley at 4:40 pm.

Attendance: Board members in attendance: Lisa Conley, Patricia Cicero, Peter Hartz, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, Suzanne Wade, and Ken Wiesner. Others in attendance: Jim Kerler.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion from Wade and second from Hartz. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted by a motion from Cicero and a second from Koepke. Motion carried.

Membership Update: The membership update was handed out to the board members. **Future Agenda Item: Reminder mailing for membership.**

2010 Operating Budget: The proposed 2010 operating budget was provided. Wiesner motioned to approve the 2010 operating budget. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Action: Wade will double check the membership levels in the comments section.**

2010 Plan of Work: The board considered the 2010 work plan activities and made assignments for the leader and assistant for each activity. **Action: Conley will update the work plan with and send it out to everyone. Future Agenda Item: Discussion of 2010 Work Plan.**

Director Reports

a. Patricia Cicero

Cicero handed out the Glacial Heritage Area Water Trails map.

There is another paddling event on the weekend before the Send Your Legislator Down the River event in the same area as the Cherokee Marsh. **Action: Wiesner is attending the planning meeting for the other group and will determine if we should choose an alternative location so as not to overlap or compete for participants.**

b. Suzanne Wade

Wade reported that the Water Star program will have a kick-off meeting on March 24 with 14 municipalities. The kick-off for the entire state will be April 22.

The Rock River Recovery Plan meeting (TMDL) will be on March 10 in Lake Mills.

Wade received a scholarship and will be attending the National River Rally in Utah in May.

c. Ken Wiesner

Wiesner provided a summary of the February 6 board retreat which included the establishment of fundraising goals for monitoring and other RRC activities/projects.

d. Legislative Update

Conley reported that the attempt to override the Governor's veto on the appointment of the DNR Secretary by the Natural Resources Board failed.

New Business

a. Resignation/Replacement

Conley reported that Bill Biesman resigned from the Board due to a change in his job. Cicero motioned to appoint Jim Kerler to fill the empty seat on the Board. Koepke seconded. Motion passed.

b. Badfish Creek Parsnip Removal Grant Approval

The Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed would like to submit a grant to the Dane County Environmental Council for equipment to assist with wild parsnip removal. Wade motioned to approve the grant application, Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c. Wisconsin Citizen Based Monitoring Partnership Grant – March 31 deadline

Action: Wade will discuss grant options with Ed Grunden. Wade motioned and Koepke seconded the motion to approve submittal of the grant after Board approval of the scope of work via e-mail. Motion passed.

d. Annual Meeting Planning

The Annual Membership meeting will be on May 4. **Actions: Taylor agreed to work on the location, food, and program for the annual meeting. Conley and perhaps Wiesner will work on board nominations and elections.**

e. Water House Foods Event

Water House Foods in Lake Mills will donate a portion of its sales on Tuesday, March 16 to the Rock River Coalition. **Action: Grunden is putting together a schedule for Board members to volunteer at the bakery.**

Adjourn

Cicero motioned, and Hartz seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

March 10 – Rock River Recovery Plan in Lake Mills

March 16 – Water House Foods event in Lake Mills

March 24 – Water Star workshop for municipalities

April 10 – RRC Confluence for volunteer monitors in Lake Mills

April 12 – RRC Board meeting in Jefferson

April 24 – RRC & River Alliance Project Red Training in Madison

May 4 – Annual Membership Meeting

June 7 – Send Your Legislator Down the River

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