



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"

**Board of Directors Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 4:30 PM – UW Extension, Jefferson

Attending this meeting: Patricia Cicero, Jane Carlson, Jim Koepke, Scott Taylor, Joleen Stinson, Suzanne Wade, Karla Eggink

Guests: None

Absent: Jim Kerler

Call to Order: Board President Patricia Cicero called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM.

Approval of Minutes from 10/24/12 Meeting: Draft minutes for the 10/24/12 meeting were reviewed. Joleen moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Jane second, approved unanimously.

Announcements: None

Climate Adaptation for Communities, Webinars with Environmental Law Institute: Several meetings ago, the board discussed partnering with the Environmental Law Institute (ELA) to provide a webinar series. The ELA was recently notified that they received a McKnight Foundation grant to fund this project. Scott and Suzanne will meet with Rebecca from ELA on December 21st to discuss. Beth Gehred, TCRCD, expressed interest in setting up the webinars. Contracts will be written with both ELA and TCDRC, similar to existing contracts for other projects.

Upcoming Newsletter: The next newsletter article deadline is January 4th. Patricia and Suzanne will be the lead article editors. Article ideas include:

- Yahara WINS - Jane will ask for author(s)
- Green Tier Businesses - Patricia will ask for author(s)
- Shoreline Restoration - Patricia will ask for author(s)
- Adaptive Management - Jane will look to see if the new regulations are out, but may not be until January
- Wheel Against the Weeds bike event - Joleen author
- Call for Monitors and results from 2012 - Nancy & Jeanne author
- Webinars: Waterstar if any remain, and possibly the new ELA webinars
- Agriculture: several ideas discussed - Suzanne will ask the UWEX Ag Agents to author
- Travel Green
- The usual articles: RRS, TCRCD
- Any other article ideas and/or authors should be sent to Patricia

River Network Membership: We are current members and there is money budgeted to renew at \$150, consensus was to renew for 2013. Patricia will look in to ways we could further use these membership benefits.

Board Retreat: The board typically meets in January or February for a day-long retreat to discuss "bigger picture" topics. One topic that we should consider is our 20th anniversary coming up in 2014. Patricia, Suzanne and Jane volunteered to plan the structure and topics to discuss at the board retreat. Patricia will send out a doodle poll with all weekend dates in January, February and March. Once the date is picked, Patricia will reserve the Lake Mills Library.

Upcoming Board Meetings: Consensus was to cancel the December meeting. If there are decisions that need to be made prior to the January 23rd meeting, an email query or conference call will be set up.

Adjournment: Scott moved, Jane seconded, approved unanimously. Patricia adjourned the meeting around 5:15 PM and board members stayed to work on the membership mailing.