



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
November 11, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Conley @ 4:05pm.

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

Approval of the minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on September 30, 2008 were approved on a motion from Wiesner and seconded by Cicero. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Wade and Ruster reviewed the treasurers report ending on 11/9/08. It was noted that the General Motors grant for 2008 came through and portions of those funds were directed towards costs incurred in the spring on this program. RRC was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Quirk Foundation with those funds directed towards youth programming and citizen monitoring. In addition RRC was awarded a \$1500 dollar contract for wetland monitoring of the London Marsh to run concurrently with the Zeloski Marsh monitoring program. The treasurers report was approved on motion from Reel and seconded by Biesmann. Motion carried.

Director Reports:

Wade~*see attached report. Suzanne discussed the progress of the Water Star program and the upcoming Technical Assessment Workshops which will be attended by invitation only. Also, the RRC would like to welcome Joline Henneman who will be assisting Suzanne with the Koshkonong Creek Forum, GFLOW and Planning the Rock.

Conley~*see attached report. The RRC was awarded the Partnership Award by the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association at its 43rd conference held in LaCrosse on Nov. 5, 2008. Lisa and Suzanne represented the RRC at this event.

Employee Reports:

Grunden~*see attached report. Most notably Ed will be meeting with the City of Horicon officials to discuss their role in the acceptance of grant monies for phosphorus sampling within the basin.

Old Business:

- Ken discussed the SYLDR event scheduled for June 15th/or 22nd of June 2009. Ideas for legislator involvement were noted.
- Bill informed every one of the "Dane Waters" DVD developed by MAMSWaP to be used for information and outreach on the issue of stormwater and its affects.

New Business:

- WI Farm Technology Days will be held in Dodge Co. on July 21-23, 2009. RRC was asked to partner with Town & Country RC&D for a booth at this event. Wiesner made a motion to

accept and share in the hosting and costs associated with the booth. Cicero seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- An Awards Committee is needed to review entries and develop the awards themselves. A notice will be placed in the next newsletter looking for nominees for the awards. Reel, Conley and Wade will work on this item.
- RRC was approached to help sponsor the WI Towns Association with the “Working Lands” workshops that will be starting in December 2008. Wade made a motion to sponsor this event up to \$100.00. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Taylor brought to the board the idea of combined memberships with the River Alliance. This would be a one time offering to drum up new members. The board thought this was an idea to keep in mind. However, it does warrant more discussion and “fine tuning”. Taylor, Wiesner and Allison Werner of the River Alliance will meet to discuss this option in more detail.
- Taylor, through his role with the Friends of Badfish Creek (FBCW) chapter, asked for input from the RRC board in the FBCWs interest in applying for “intervener status” with the ATC hearings for electrical transmission line locations. Though the board was not opposed it felt that more information was needed to make comfortable and informed decision on the “intervener” status issue. Taylor will convey this to the FBCW group.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a board retreat held on January 9th, 2009 from 9am-1pm at the UW-Extension office in Jefferson.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Wiesner and seconded by Ruster.

RRC November 2008 Report – Suzanne Wade

Water Star

The activity lists have been worked on again, and will at least one more time before the Technical Assessment Workshops will be held. They are currently scheduled for

Topic	Date	City	Location
<i>Surface Water including land use, stormwater and habitat.</i>	December 15	Madison	Pyle Center, 610 Langdon St
	January 13	Altoona (Eau Claire)	UW-Extension, 227 1st Street West
	January 22	Appleton	Grand Chute Town Hall 1900 Grand Chute Blvd
		Stevens Point	
<i>Groundwater including land use, quantity, quality and human health</i>	December 17	Madison	Pyle Center, 610 Langdon St
	January 14	Eau Claire	UW-Extension, 227 1st Street West
	January 23	Appleton	Grand Chute Town Hall 1900 Grand Chute Blvd
		Stevens Point	

The agenda will be:

- 9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Introduction to Water Star
- 9:30 – Noon Detailed review of activities for topic
- 11:00 – Noon Identification of each activity as 'Essential', 'Important' or 'Enrichment'
- Noon – 1:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Small Group work to assign range of values to activities
- 2:00 – 3:00 Discussion on minimum requirements and actions that would preclude Water Star designation

These are by invitation and will include those who attended the original work groups and other professionals who have been suggested.

Rock River Stormwater Group

The group has developed an MOU, which is being signed by permitted municipalities at this time and have approved a 2008 education plan, which each municipality will submit to the DNR. We also have a draft 2009- 2010 plan. They are working on an rfp to hire a permanent half time education coordinator. The next meeting will be in either mid-December or early January when more details will be determined. The RRC can join as a partner, which does not have a fiscal component, but we would agree to help work on select stormwater education activities.

Koshkonong Creek Forum

I hired Joleen Henneman to work on the forum, the first planning meeting is tomorrow, Nov 12 at the Dane County LWCD office starting at 9:00

Newsletter

We have billed UWEX for two newsletters, however due to budget shortfalls, they may ask me to wait until next spring to pay for one of them. I will be emailing everyone who currently gets one asking whether they would be willing to get it via email. The downfall of that is we do need to print a certain number to make it worthwhile for this format. Next newsletter deadline is January 9, 2009.

Other:

Joleen will also be helping to set up the GFLOW meetings, and a Planning the Rock meeting. Her contract is 50% time until May 15.

Board Report

**November 11, 2008
Ed Grunden**

Projects in progress:

- Conducted classroom education at Janesville Craig High School and a follow-up field lab experience for 94 AP Biology students.
- Conducted same field lab experience for 47 Janesville Parker High School AP Biology students.
- Currently engaged in securing funding as this completes our partnership with Earth Force and General Motors. Both teachers and the school district wish the program to continue, as does the Janesville Utilities. A representative from 'Forward Janesville' visited the day of the field lab and spoke with me – they will work on our behalf to secure funding.
- Watertown High School and Johnson Creek Elementary will participate this spring in the school education program funded by the Quirk Grant.
- Met with the USFW, DNR, and USGS in a pre-grant meeting held at Horicon. A follow-up meeting to be held in Madison this week has generated a great deal of interest in the testing of less expensive field collection devices that are user friendly for volunteer monitors. The goal is to incorporate this research into the grant being prepared for funding by the WDNR. USGS has pledged 21,000 and the USFW 24,000 to match the requested 50,000 from the WDNR. This amount would include \$5,000 for administrative costs (Jennifer/overhead/ed) and would be for one research year with continuation through a three year period.
- I met with the Department of Transportation having been notified that the DOT had agreed to a contract with the Coalition to do a one year study of the London Marsh (adjacent to the Zeloski Marsh to the west). I have been given a great deal of freedom to design the project but the basic work will include spring frog counts, marsh land bird counts, Sandhill bird counts, duck nesting counts, shorebird and migration waterfowl counts. (all which will be concurrent with work at Zeloski Marsh utilizing volunteers). The amount of the contract award is \$1500.
- PBS ran a segment on Sandhill Crane Counting at Zeloski Marsh under the program "IN WISCONSIN". It aired on PBS stations across the State, including Madison (ch.21) and Milw. (ch.10). It promoted the Coalition and featured Nolan Kollath 'Master Birder' at the Marsh. I was amazed by the numbers of people who have come up to me to mention seeing the clip.
- I will be on an aggressive schedule to contact monitors and potential donors utilizing the new brochure in the upcoming weeks.

Tim Reel

From: Lisa Conley [lconley101@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 3:41 PM
To: Bill Biesman; Jan Ruster; Joe Dorava; Ken Wiesner; Patricia Cicero; Sandra Prebeg; Scott Taylor; Suzanne Wade; Tim Reel; Tracy Novak
Subject: updated agenda and Lisa report
Attachments: Agenda 11-11-08.doc

In the interest of a briefer meeting tomorrow, here's my report

Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association Award – Suzanne and I were treated royally by Former Board member Roger Kist, and we received their annual Partnership award on behalf of the RR coalition, for our work with shoreline restorations and rain gardens.

Army Corps meeting – was not too remarkable, apparently it was a team building exercise for their people, and fishing for potential partners, but it was hard to see what the lock operators, etc. that represented the Army Corps there could do for us, or with us, long term.

The one interesting thing that came up was that there is a national river museum in Dubuque, Iowa <http://www.mississippirivermuseum.com/> We have a contact name, and might consider a visit with the long term idea of having our dream - Rock River Science Center - be a satellite, and get some help and funding to make it happen. This is pie in the sky right now, but dreaming never hurts. Anyone interested in exploring this on our behalf?

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters conservation priorities report: meeting Nov 11 9-noon

Sandra Prebeg will no longer be on our Board, since she is unable to make the meetings, but she is interested in rain garden monitoring

Support letters sent:

- Buffer at Governor's mansion
- Jefferson County application for EPA Brownfields assessment grant

Mail received:

- Thanks from Congressman Paul Ryan for our newsletter – he likes it.

Actions needed:

- Send letter To Rock County Board re: use of \$1.8 million environmental damage funds use
- Need an awards committee – volunteers?
- Sponsor Town's Assn. Working Lands Workshops?

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

TREASURER REPORT
9/29/08 - 11/9/08

INFLOWS

10/9/2008	DEP	Deposit	Anonymous Bill and Cindy Arbiture
10/14/2008	DEP	Deposit	Curves Pizza Hut Stop N Go Stores Kwik Trip #372 Lynne Diebel
10/28/2008	DEP	Deposit	Stephen D. Grams Stephen D. Grams
11/7/2008	DEP	Deposit	Roy Zastrow Roy Zastrow

OUTFLOWS

10/1/2008	1760	Jennifer Hanneman	September Payroll
10/1/2008	1761	Jennifer Hanneman	September Payroll
10/1/2008	1762	Excel Net	September Payroll
10/10/2008	1763	United States Treasury	September Mileage
			September Mileage
			September Mileage
			September Mileage
			1 month email service
			1 month email service
			1 month email service

10/14/2008	1764	Scott Taylor	Reimbursement for clean up supplies
10/14/2008	1765	Lynne Diebel	Reimbursement for clean up supplies
10/16/2008	1766	Michael Forster Rothbart	Payment 6 of 6 & Additional Pmt
10/16/2008	1767	US Postal Service	Stamps for membership mailing
10/16/2008	1768	Michael Forster Rothbart	Stamps
			Stamps
			Stamps
			mileage
			phone
			bus fare
			parking
			food for meetings

BALANCE 9/29/08 20,692.98

Gift Received	10.00
Membership:family	35.00
Grant Income:General Motors 08 Grant	3,000.00
FBCW Income:Gift Received:Stream Clean-Up Donation	25.00
FBCW Income:Gift Received:Stream Clean-Up Donation	25.00
FBCW Income:Gift Received:Stream Clean-Up Donation	50.00
FBCW Income:Gift Received:Stream Clean-Up Donation	20.00
FBCW Income:Gift Received:Stream Clean-Up Donation	20.00
Membership:individual	18.75
FBCW Income:Membership Dues - 25%:Individual	6.25
Grant Income:Quirk Foundation 08 Grant	10,000.00
Membership:individual	25.00
Gift Received	25.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	13,260.00

Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(23.06)
Office Expenses	(23.04)
Membership expense	(2.84)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(57.73)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(0.59)
Office Expenses	(0.58)
Membership expense	(0.58)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(0.59)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(5.00)
Project Expense:FLOW	(5.00)
Office Expenses	(5.00)
Office Expenses:Unfunded Citizen Monitoring	(9.00)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(5.38)
Office Expenses:Unfunded Wetland Monitoring	(9.00)
Office Expenses	(10.90)
Membership expense	(2.98)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(10.91)
Project Expense:FLOW	(1.48)
FBCW Expenses:Stream Clean-Up Expenses	(87.89)
FBCW Expenses:Stream Clean-Up Expenses	(137.11)
FBCW Expenses:Grant Expense:Community Partners Program	(2.89)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(2,216.66)
Membership expense	(42.00)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(2.80)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(2.80)
Office Expenses	(2.80)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(136.82)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(31.68)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(3.90)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(4.45)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(30.89)

10/16/2008 1769	Wisconsin Association of Lakes	Phone & Photo Copy Reimbursement
10/23/2008 1770	Wal-Mart	folders
10/29/2008 1774	US Postal Service	address labels for membership mailing
11/5/2008 1772	Excel Net	Post Card Stamps
		1 month email service
		1 month email service
11/5/2008 1773	Jennifer Hanneman	1 month email service
		October Payroll
		October Payroll
		October Payroll
		October Payroll
		October Payroll
		October Mileage
		October Mileage
		October Mileage
		October Mileage
		October Mileage
11/5/2008 1774	Jennifer Hanneman	Payroll and Membership Binders for 2009
11/7/2008 1775	Wal-Mart	Ink for Membership Letters
11/7/2008 1776	M & I Bank	
11/7/2008 1777	Schneider Printing Inc	envelopes
11/7/2008 1778	Capital Newspapers	letterhead
11/7/2008 1779	US Postal Service	printing for newsletter
		stamps for membership mailing
		mailing to Cory Lathbury

Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(73.06)
Office Expenses	(0.88)
Membership expense	(3.96)
Membership expense	(10.80)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(5.00)
Grant Expenses:General Motors 08 Grant	(5.00)
Office Expenses	(5.00)
Grant Expenses:Water Star Community Program 08	(11.54)
Grant Expenses:General Motors 08 Grant	(23.06)
Office Expenses	(5.87)
Membership expense	(53.06)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(23.06)
Grant Expenses:General Motors 08 Grant	(1.34)
Office Expenses	(1.34)
Membership expense	(10.02)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(1.34)
Office Expenses	(3.76)
Membership expense	(18.97)
Grant Expenses:Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	(10.00)
Office Expenses	(63.84)
Office Expenses	(156.89)
Office Expenses	(82.29)
Office Expenses:Newsletter	(410.37)
Membership expense	(42.00)
Office Expenses	(1.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(3,899.80)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 11/9/08 30,053.18

Budget Summary 11/9/08

Accounts Balance	
Checking Account	30,053.18
Money Market	\$15,854.64
Encumbered Funds	
Grant Funds* (\$29,225.89 - \$9,070.74)	(\$20,155.15)
Memorial Funds	(\$140.00)
GFLOW Funds**	(\$16,309.99)
Project Funds (Conference, Newsletter, CM brochure)	(\$4,280.10)
Unencumbered Funds*	\$5,022.58
Accounts Receivable	
We are still waiting for \$1,000 of GFLOW funding from the Town of Concord	
\$750 Lake Planning Grant	
\$2,500 Water Star Community Program -08	
\$2,500 Water Star Community Program -09	
\$2,500 Phosphorus Sampling Initiative	
\$820.74 University of Wisconsin for 2 newsletters	
*All Grant accounts receivables are calculated into Grant Funds under encumbered funds.	

*The beginning balance is \$35 more than the ending balance from the last Treasurer's report since I forgot to record a \$35 deposit that was made on September 12, 2008.