

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Jefferson UW-EX Jefferson Office.

**Attending this meeting:** Joe Zakovec, Jane Carlson, Patricia Cicero, Dave Hoffman, Carl Korfmacher

**Absent:** Eric Compas, Lindsey Schreiner, Karl Brandstaetter, Andy Selle

**1. Introductions:** None.

**2. Approval of 9/28/16 Minutes:**

Patricia moved to approve 9/28/16 minutes; Joe seconded; motion carried.

**3. Announcements:**

Jane will attend a workshop on "How to speak to farmers." If anyone else is interested an additional workshop will be held on 12/3/16 covering the same topics.

Rock River Trail Initiative to have their Grand Opening June 3rd, 2017 in Beloit. RRC will help promote this event.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

RRC year-to-date has a total of \$17,043 in restricted funds and \$4,109 in unrestricted funds. Joe motioned to accept Treasurer's Report; seconded by Carl; motion carried.

Yahara WINS 3 currently shows \$58 of overspending. This is an error and will be zeroed out by next month. The Brandt/Quirk grant can be used to offset costs for the mapping component of the DNR River Planning grant. The DNR Phase 1 grant for Testing the Waters has been received and will be zeroed out by next month's report.

**5. Membership Update:**

A list was sent out by Suzanne via email. Working on transferring all member information to an easy to use system like excel.

**6. Stream Monitoring Report Including 10/26/16 Confluence:**

38 total volunteers (5 lake, 30 stream, and 2 others) participated in the 2016 Confluence and about 20 other participants (presenter, organizers, board members) who attended as well. Board members who attended reported that the speakers were excellent and overall it was a good confluence with a good turnout.

Yahara WINS 5 grant application was submitted and accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**7. Rock River Recovery (TMDL Implementation):**

A. Rock River Storm Water Group- working together- Andy attended the RRR who wasn't present at this meeting. Jane reported for Andy briefly that he discussed Rock R. basin groups being more cohesive and working together. Also, UW-Whitewater will do the research for the Rock River Stormwater Group and provide a logo design and other assistance. Andy can fill in the group more at future meetings.

## **8. Brief Updates:**

A. Chapter News: No news from Friends of Badfish Creek and Johnson Creek Watershed Alliance. Maunasha River Alliance is interested in creating a canoe/kayak rental service. Will be speaking with Dane Co. representatives to see how they can help each other out.

B. Fundraising: Jane will get a list of potential sponsors for board to contact.

C. Next Phase of Actually Restorable Wetlands Project:

Carl spoke with Scott to discuss the future of this project. Need to identify someone in the Natural Resource Conservation Service or the Wetland Reserve Program to help spearhead this project. Scott is getting better at identifying these wetlands by computer rather on-site visits, so costs associated with such will decrease. Discussion on which grants to fund could potentially fund this project. Patricia mentioned the DNR River Planning grant might be a good option. Also, she might have a good NRCS or WRP person to connect with. Carl will continue to work with Scott on this project.

D. Water Words that Work potential training; Technology needs; and Membership Survey:

No cost for training yet. Jane's colleague is helping RRC with our database. Will continue survey talks in December. The board will look at the research done by Sarah Chase in her Citizen Science Survey Summary Report based her findings from RRC monitors.

## **9. Testing the Waters Final Report:**

Not everyone has had time to review report but Eric and Joe will take a good look and report back to the board. All board members were in a strong agreement of how great this event was.

## **10. Next Newsletter:**

Andy and Jane will be editors. Board gave suggestions for possible articles to use.

## **11. Board Survey:**

Eric was not present to discuss the board's survey on future goals of RRC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **12. Budgeting for 2017:**

Jane and Patricia will get together to and work out a rough draft to present to board.

### **13. November Meeting: Membership Renewal Letters:**

A. Invite past board members and current friends to help. Invite as many folks as possible to expedite the process.

B. November 16<sup>th</sup> was decided to be the date for the short board meeting and stuffing letters.

C. Send Outlook appointments for future board meetings: Jane offered to send them out. No strong interest was shown by group.

Carl will write the letter for 2017 membership. Patricia and Dave will update the 2017 brochure. This year we will send letters to non-member monitors, past members, and other nonmembers identified by Board members. All membership letter documents should be finalized in time for Tara to prepare the documents for the November 16<sup>th</sup> letter stuffing board meeting.

### **14. WEA Trust Fund Request Application:**

Motion to submit a WEA Trust Fund Request for \$500 to fund citizen monitor training by Carl; seconded by Dave; motion carried.